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Seven month old Tyler Wardrop of Wainfleet, jumps into Halloween with great anticipation of what is in store.

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Niagara brings home bronze

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

Another medal has been added to the college display case.

The Niagara Knights men's touchfootball team won bronze at the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) championships in Hamilton last weekend.

The first game was against the St. Lawrence Vikings of Kingston.

During the opening Viking series, quarterback Dan McMahon ran in for a touchdown but the play was called back because of an offensive penalty.

Later in the first quarter, Niagara's quarterback Shane McKenzie was tossed a wild snap. He quickly recovered, ran to the line and threw to Don Provan for a touchdown. The conversion attempt failed making it 6-0 Niagara.

In the next series, it was the Vikings' ball. On their last down with five yards to go, the quarterback ran for a first down. This opened up a Viking drive. A 37-yard pass to Chris Nielissen, and a short pass to Steve Douglas, led to the initial Viking touchdown.

The first time Niagara had the ball in the second half was after a long punt from the Vikings. Although the OCAA rules state the kicking team must give the receiving team five yards until the punt is caught, Viking Nielissen laid a huge hit on Niagara's punt returner. No penalty was called.

On Niagara's subsequent play, McKenzie's pass was intercepted by Viking Andrew Burns.

Knight Alan Ivey knocked him to the ground and was called for roughing and disorderly conduct. These penalties set Niagara back 25 yards.

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Tapping into new blood

By JEANNIE ORBAN
Staff Writer

Oct. 31 is your chance to help.

Niagara College's first blood donor clinic of the academic year will be held between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Welland campus gym.

Jan Potton, Niagara College psychology teacher and first aid chairperson for the Red Cross Welland branch, says, "Usually, we get around 200" units of blood.

The Red Cross must collect about 5,000 units of blood for 900 hospitals in Canada every day. About every 20 seconds, someone in Canada needs blood or blood products.

To donate blood for the first time, you need to bring photo identification, be between the ages of 17 and 60 and weigh at least 110 pounds. Some of the reasons for not being allowed to donate are having any body or ear piercings, having tattoos or having had a new sex partner in the last 12 months. You should also be well rested and have had something to eat ahead of time.

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Teamwork keeps chefs, servers humming

Students from the Hotel and Restaurant Administration program staff the Maid of the Mist Centre's Kerrio Room. From left, Ryann Bonslaugh, Michelle Aitchison, Calvin Ying, Jennifer Harte, Jim Burke and Kerri Bray.

Photo by Kevin Harding

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

Teamwork is the name of the game at Niagara College's Maid of the Mist Centre for Hospitality and Tourism (MOMC).

When not serving as a college campus, the MOMC often becomes a fine dining room or a top-notch conference centre staffed entirely by students from the Hotel and Restaurant Administration (HRA) and Culinary Skills programs.

On Oct. 16, it was both as students played host to both a Women in Trades and Technology (WITT) class reunion of about 65 people and a 40-strong dinner for the Human Resource Professional Association of Niagara (HRDPA) at the same time.

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and an intricately designed cheese and fruit platter for the WITT reunion were the responsibility of Sean Wales, 25, corporate sous-chef and graduate of the apprenticeship program for chefs at the MOMC. Bartenders for the evening were Tim Parker, 22, and Paul Jack, 21, second-year HRA students.

The team atmosphere was strongest in the massive kitchen being used to prepare the elegant meal enjoyed by the HRDPA group in the classy Kerrio Room. Culinary Skills students bustled around preparing everything from delicious pasta dishes to sinful-looking pies and cakes, while efficient HRA students entered with empty trays and left with full ones.

Remarkably, this non-stop flurry of activity came off without a hitch, something the students themselves attribute to the team-oriented nature of the programs.

"We're all team players, big time," said Michelle Aitchison, 24, second-year HRA student and student manager for the evening.

Ed Helinski Jr., also a second-year HMA student, suggested the program's success was due in large part to the fact students genuinely enjoy each other's company.

"It's not the program that makes the program. It's the people that make the program," said Helinski.

Debby Willms, dining room technician and program instructor, agreed. Asked about her students, she simply smiled and said, "They're a great group."

Light my fire

Maid of the Mist Centre corporate sous-chef Sean Wales, 25, gets fired up preparing a feast for a Women in Trades and Technology class reunion on Oct. 16.

Photo by Kevin Harding

Study Week break shifts

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

Gimme a break.

Niagara College's mid-winter break is coming two weeks earlier than originally scheduled.

The one-week vacation, officially dubbed "Study Week," moves from the second week of March to the last week of February (Feb. 23 to Feb. 27).

This shift returns the break to its original position, half-way through the second semester, splitting the term into two seven-week portions.

The timing of Study Week was adjusted several years ago to put it in line with the March Break of Niagara Region's elementary and secondary schools.

Al Vaughan, the college's registrar, said the change allowed adults attending Niagara to be home with their children.

This year, school boards pushed March Break a week later into the term.

Vaughan said this was too late for Niagara to match because students would "reach a burnout point" before the break took place, 10 weeks into the semester.

Vaughn approached the Student Administrative Council (SAC) with the idea to move Study Week.

SAC approved the change Sept. 30 and flyers were posted to advertise the new dates.

Vaughan said he is looking forward to seeing how the new Study Week works out.

"Although we can't satisfy everyone, hopefully we've made the right choice."

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Students score goal with donation

Scott Shappart (left), president of Port Weller Soccer League's executive, presents a plaque as a thank you to Mike Pirker, Leslie Walker, Bonnie Rose, Niagara College's vice-president, academic, and Nancy Shappart, a professor in the Business Retail Management program.

Photo by Carrie White

By CARRIE WHITE and JENN WALKER
Staff Writers

The Niagara College Business Retail program students raised $6,700 for the Port Weller Soccer League, surpassing their $5,700 target.

Students participated in a "real-life sales project" to acquire team and community sponsorships for the Port Weller Soccer League.

The students' goal was to achieve one team sponsorship and one community sponsorship each.

"The project was a success," said Nancy Shappart, a professor in the Business Retail Management program.

There was a 16-per-cent increase over the anticipated $5,700. All 30 team sponsorships were sold and more than 30 community sponsors were brought on board.

Shappart supervised the students' efforts, for which they were awarded a 10-per-cent commission.

Scott Shappart, president of the league's executive, came to Niagara College in search of extra money to lower registration fees. He is Nancy's husband.

"I asked the class for what I needed and they did that and more," said Scott. "We appreciated what happened."

Bonnie Rose, Niagara College's vice-president, academic, Nancy Shappart and two students received a plaque as a thank you from Scott Shappart and the Port Weller Soccer League.

"I always enourage our students to do practical things in the world. This was a win-win situation," said Rose.

Students had to involve all the sales steps while making presentations to the community.

"It was a creative project. They had to use their heads," said Nancy Shappart.

'It was a real accomplishment . . .' — Leslie Walker

Leslie Walker, 22, and Mike Pirker, 23, graduates of the Business Retail program, were two students selected to receive the plaque.

"It's a good project to help you prepare (for the real world). If you get rejected, you learn what you did wrong and you change it," said Pirker.

"It was a real accomplishment to be up 16 per cent when so many places weren't willing to give," said Walker.

The success of this project didn't go unnoticed, especially by the Port Weller community, said Nancy.

"It was wonderful to help out the community while practicing sales," she added.

Parents in the organization "were thrilled," said Scott Shappart. "The kids, of course, thought it was great."

Donate blood, win award

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Upon arriving at the clinic, you will be asked to register by giving your name and address. After registration, you will fill out a questionnaire and have a short interview with a registered nurse. Your blood's hemoglobin level will be tested with a small fingerprick test. You will then be ready to give blood.

After donation, you will relax for a few minutes and have refreshments provided by volunteers. The total process takes about 45 to 60 minutes.

Each year, the Corpsuckle Cup is awarded to the program with the highest percentage of students donating.

"This has, in the past, been won by either the law and security students or the ambulance students because they have the greatest percentage. Last year, the dental hygiene students won it," says Potton.

The program with the highest number of donors wins the Buddy Blood Drop Junior award. "That's usually won by law and security," she says.

For the last four or five years there has been a staff award, which is given to the department with the largest number of donors. Potton says she hopes it will encourage the teachers to donate.

Buddy Blood Drop and student are getting ready for the blood drive on Oct. 31.

Photo by Jeannie Orban

"Traditionally, we've had tremendous student support of this clinic and maybe five faculty that donated."

Berry triumphs

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

More than 6,000 students — 66 voters.

Michael Berry, 23, is the new vice-president of athletic affairs.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) election was held at the Welland campus Oct. 20.

Only 66 students voted.

Berry received 40 votes to win, while Roxanne Reid, a second-year Educational Resources and Special Needs program student, received 26 votes. No students voted from the satellite campuses.

"It's too bad and I'm sorry that only that few people voted, which was 0.1 per cent of students," said Berry, 23, a second-year Mechanical Engineering program student.

"The voter turnout should be much higher considering what SAC does for the students and that $131 comes from each student to support SAC," said Ajay Chugh, an employee at After Hours.

Berry's responsibilities as vice-president of athletics are to organize sports trips for SAC and monitor the athletic department's budget. He also creates advertising for sports games and trips.

"I wanted the position because I have talked to people who want a hockey team, a tennis club, ski trips and people want to travel with the sport teams," Berry said. "I would like to help the students as much as I possibly can."

MICHAEL BERRY

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The Welland campus then and now

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

It's what we could have been.

From throughout the Niagara Region, tourists and residents can see the nine-storey Brock University tower in St. Catharines. It houses the university's library and other facilities.

What many don't realize is that the original plans for the main buildings at Niagara College's Welland campus were designed much differently from what we have today. The biggest difference is that a large tower was planned for the centre of the other wings.

Niagara College was one of the first Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology in the province. Hennepin Hall was officially opened in May 1967 and in September the school started with 453 students.

Before Hennepin was even complete, new facilities were being planned. The second structure to be built was the Fieldhouse, now known as the Mackenzie building. It was designed to hold the gymnasium and the college's first computer centre.

At the same time this was being constructed, the Black Walnut building was being built. Although both facilities were scheduled to open for the fall 1968 semester, a construction trade strike delayed the opening until well after classes had started.

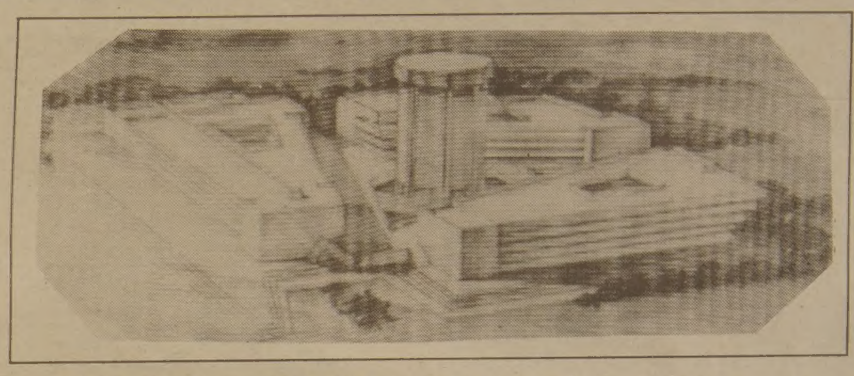
In that second year, enrolment was up to 800. The board of governors estimated that by 1972, 4,000 would be attending and that by 1976, 8,000 would be at the school.

Without knowing the 4,000 mark would not be passed until 1992, the board went ahead and began planning for a main academic centre.

Gerengser and Russell, a Welland architectural firm, was hired. They came up with a plan that had three triangular-shaped buildings surrounding a tower.

Eventually, those plans were scrapped and a new plan was implemented.

The first section to be build was the Voyageur Block. A large amount of space was allotted for an automotive class but that program didn't start the same year the Voyageur opened. The library then moved from Hennepin Hall into the automotive area. A boiler room was also constructed. That building opened in the fall of 1970.



The next section built was the Tecumseh Centre. The 20,000 square-foot expansion was home to the 200-seat lecture hall called the Hamilton Room and the library's permanent location. This section was opened in 1971.

In 1972, the Simcoe building opened. The first two floors held the applied arts facilities, which included the Journalism-Print and Fashion Arts programs. The third floor held the health sciences section, including the Dental program.

Construction stopped until 1975. At that time, the Merritt building was built to house the School of Business. An addition was added to the Lundy building to provide space for the electronics section of the School of Technology. The Tecumseh Centre was extended to provide a bookstore, faculty lounge, student counselling area and a connection to the Voyageur and Lundy buildings.

From this point, the individual buildings such as Voyageur and Lundy were known as wings.

Other buildings added to the Welland campus have included the After Hours Student Centre, opened in 1991, and the Child Care Centre, opened in 1995.

New roofing costs $750,000

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

Hot tar stinks.

"You come into class and all you can smell is tar," says Darrell Lumley, 19, an Electrical Engineering program student.

The Tecumseh and Voyageur buildings at Niagara College's Welland campus are getting a new roof. Work began in mid-September.

Tim Mackey, Niagara College's supervisor of plant operations, says the Schreiber Brothers roofing company of Hamilton is doing the work, which carries a price tag of $774,637. Ontario Roof Consultants & Associates is the consulting firm overseeing the project for about $27,000.

"The roofs are about 30 years old," Mackey said. "This isn't just routine maintenance. The whole campus roof is going to be redone."

Mackey says the smoke and smell coming off the tar kettles is "more of a nuisance than anything. It is non-toxic. The materials used now are better than those used just 10 or 20 years ago."

He says he hasn't received any formal complaints about the smoke and doesn't expect the smell to become an issue.

"The work does have to get done. Still, if it ever got that extreme on a particular day, we'd just stop them from working."

Rob Thomson, 42, a kettle man with the roofing crew, said the work "will continue until around Christmas, depending on the weather."

The re-roofing project is being funded through the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Works II plan.

The cost will be divided equally by the federal government, the province and the school, says the plan.

Renovations continue

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

There's still more work to be done.

During the first stage of renovations and landscaping work at Niagara College's Welland campus, a pathway running from the Merritt wing to the corner of Woodlawn Road and First Avenue was installed.

During the next stage — beginning this week — the pathway will be completed.

"A small courtyard will be put in place," said Warren Yule, the college's project manager of The Master Plan. (The Master Plan is the college's outlook for the next five years.) "The sidewalk will then be extended to the corner."

Other landscaping changes to be made during the second stage will be the planting of trees at the entrance and exits of Ring Road.

In the third and most in-depth stage of renovations, the canopy and main entrance into the Merritt wing will be extended and rebuilt. Once construction is complete, landscaping work will be done just outside that entrance.

Yule says work on that project should begin some time in November.

In another project, an asphalt path is being installed from After Hours to the Student Residence parking lot.

Niagara celebrates 30th

By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

Niagara College is celebrating its 30th anniversary over the next year with a number of different activities.

The first building on the Welland campus was Hennepin Hall, which opened in September 1967.

Thirty years later, the college celebrated the open house of its first Student Residence, while construction is on schedule for the new Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake, set to open in September 1998.

Some departments have identified 30th anniversary activities.

"The Niagara College Foundation has set up several activities this year dealing with the 30th anniversary," said Martha Gleddie, special events co-ordinator of the Niagara College Foundation, the college's money-raising arm.

For example, the Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program has recently unveiled an alumni Wall of Fame. Staff have been working for a number of months to gather photographs and profiles of its many well-known grads.

"It's encouraging to look up at the wall and see just how successful a broadcasting student can be," said Jeff Leach, 21, a second-year BRTF student from Grimsby.

What's in a name

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

They must mean something.

Every building at Niagara College's Welland campus has a name, but many people may wonder where the names originated.

These are the names and what they mean:

Hennepin Hall

Louis Hennepin was a priest, missionary, explorer and histiographer. He is known as the first European to send information back about Niagara Falls.

Tecumseh Centre

Tecumseh was a member of the Shawnee tribe. During the War of 1812, he was killed while helping the Canadians in the battle of Moravian Town.

Mackenzie Building

William Lyon Mackenzie is known as the Father of Responsible Government in Ontario and a former Canadian prime minister. He led the Rebellion of 1837 and was not honored during his lifetime.

Black Walnut Building

Although much of the property the campus is built on was cow pasture, a section of the land was covered in black walnut trees.

Voyageur Wing

Les Voyageurs were the first real explorers in Canadian society. They charted waterways and portages for others to use.

Merritt Wing

William Hamilton Merritt is credited with the development of the Welland Canal. Numerous streets and landmarks around the Niagara Region are named after him.

Simcoe Wing

John Graves Simcoe was the first governor of Upper Canada and the founder of York (now known as Toronto).

Lundy Wing

Lundy's Lane was the site of one of the bloodiest battles in the War of 1812. There were more than 1,700 casualties.

Manera Court (the courtyard)

Anthony S. Manera was the president of Niagara College from 1972 to 1977. At the age of 31, he was Ontario's youngest community college president.

It's a mystery

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

What's inside it is a mystery.

On Oct. 23, 1977, a time capsule was buried near the corner of First Avenue and Woodlawn Road to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Niagara College in Welland.

A large stone with a plaque identifying the event was placed on top of the capsule.

About five years ago, the plaque went missing and was thought to be stolen. Using a photograph from a 1977 issue of the Niagara News, an identical plaque was made.

Six months later groundskeepers were picking up garbage and found the original sign nearly destroyed in a bush.

With landscape work happening around the Welland campus, the decision was made to move the stone to one of the Merritt wing entrances. The capsule will stay in the ground near the corner and a new monument will be installed.

At this point, no definite date has been set as to when the time capsule will be opened.

In fact, it isn't exactly known what's in the time capsule.

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BRTF students receive fame in a frame

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

The Wall of Fame is the place to be.

The Broadcasting, Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program at Niagara College's Welland campus is beginning a new tradition.

The Wall of Fame was started

Program's success stories applauded in wall display

"the first week back to school," said Stu Black, of Niagara Falls, BRTF program co-ordinator.

Picture Perfect Gallery, a custom framing studio at the Seaway Mall in Welland, was hired by Black to tackle the project.

"They came up with a design and did all the matting for the pictures," Black said.

The wall is designed to feature successful graduates of the program.

"It was hard to get everyone to send in their pictures. We sent out 100 letters," Black said, adding former students had good intentions to send in their photo, but few did.

"We hope that people who haven't sent in their photo will see the wall and want to be a part of it."

Those so far on the wall include Jeff Woolnough, from the class of 1977, a film director of projects such as Sliders, North of 60, Hawkeye and Kung Fu; Michelle Butterly, from the class of 1990, an on-air personality with CHUM-FM radio in Toronto; and Diane D'Amelio, from the class of 1984, a freelance producer with CITY-TV in Toronto.

Other members on the wall are Anne Mroczkowsi, of the class of 1975, the co-anchor of CITY-TV'S 6 p.m. news; Kent Chambers, of the class of 1987, an employe of EZ ROCK 97.3 in Toronto; and Jack Peets, of the class of 1978, a 97.7 HITZ FM employee from St. Catharines.

The wall is aimed at "helping students see the different ways they can succeed," said Black, adding this will be an ongoing project. "We can upgrade it all the time."

Successful graduates of the Broadcasting, Radio, Television and Film program are showcased in the newly installed Wall of Fame located in the BRTF lounge of Voyageur building at Niagara College's Welland campus.

Photo by Rachel Leech

Surfing the air waves at Niagara

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

There's a new radio station at Niagara College.

If you feel like sending out a few transmissions and maybe even receiving some, then the place for you is Lundy 11.

Ham Radio, a student-oriented project, is open to all Niagara students with no membership fee.

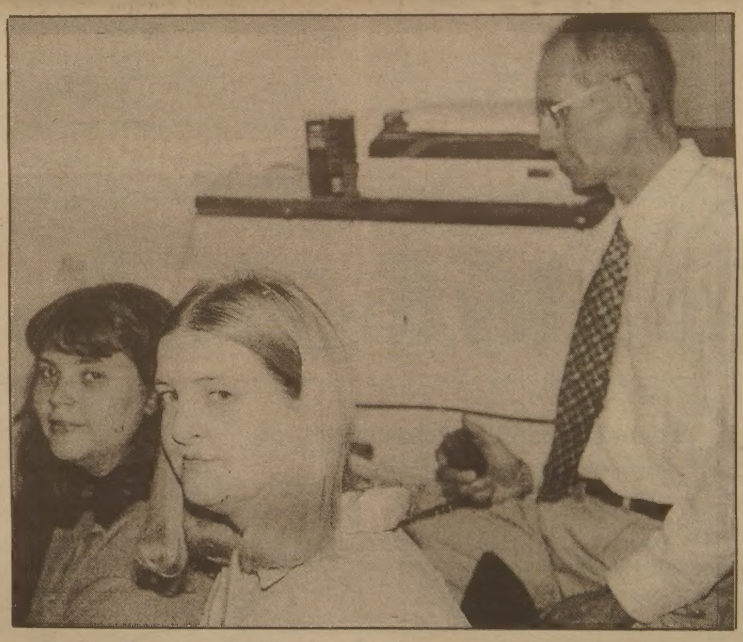
"As long as there is someone with a license in the room anyone can use the equipment," said Greg Swick, of St. Catharines, co-ordinator of Electronic Engineering Technology/Technician program.

Heidi Oldfeild, 22, of Stoney Creek, and Christine Iverson, 21, of Grimsby, two second-year Electronic Technician program students, are a few of the students who have these licenses.

However, "in order to run the club there has to be at least one member with an advanced certificate . . . Roy Blake and I both hold them," Swick said.

Roy Blake, of Welland, a professor in electronics, is a staff adviser for the radio.

"I think the club complements what the students are learning," said Swick.



Surfing the air waves in Ham Radio are, at back, Greg Swick, co-ordinator of the Electronic Engineering Technology /Technician program and Heidi Oldfeild and Christine Iverson.

Photo by Rachel Leech

Oldfeild and Iverson said during their spare time it is nice to be able to go somewhere and have something to do.

"On Monday we have a four-hour spare," Iverson said.

The club is designed to give all students the chance to "listen to different frequencies," Swick said, adding students don't have to be electronics students to get in on the fun.

Gold, bronze Telefest awards garnered by documentary

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Three Niagara College Broadcasting Radio, Television and Film graduates won awards at this year's Telefest ceremony in Toronto.

One documentary, submitted by last year's graduates, won first place for photography and third place for long documentary.

The awards ceremony took place at Atlantis, located at Ontario Place.

Josh Grant, Aaron Smith and Mark Dossman produced *Glass*, a film about a glass blower in Toronto.

"I saw a film about nails. It had amazing cinematography," said Grant explaining where he got the idea for his film.

Grant said he didn't want his effort to be exactly like that film but did want to use its strong points.

Dossman said the best thing about creating the film was the small film crew.

The trio began the film project in January of 1997.

"It's nice to be recognized," said Grant, stating he has never been overly confident about his work.

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Watch for the news from around the world International Education Special Section Nov. 21

Photographer at Welland campus Nov. 10 for graduate portraits; sittings being booked

Niagara College students in their graduating year can book their photo session in the Student Administrative Council office at the Welland campus.

Groff's Photography will be taking graduate portraits for this year's edition of the Grad Book between Nov. 10 and Nov. 14.

Interested students are asked to contact Cindy Blanchard at Ext. 7659.

Bryan Groff will be using a multiple background system to allow more selection during sittings. A standard sitting consists of five traditional poses with the college gown and hood.

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Damian Goulborne, right, the lead instructor for the principals, and Jhim Burwell, left, in charge of logistics, along with 18 principals from Indonesia, visited The Ramada Inn and Convention Centre on Oct.15 to view the booths at the Small Business Financing Fair.

Photo by Tineke Bruinsma

Indonesian high school principals in Niagara

By TINEKE BRUINSMA and IAN ANDERSON
Staff Writers

Learning new ideas can be interesting. Learning the new ideas in a foreign land would be the opportunity of a lifetime.

Eighteen Indonesian high school principals will be in the Niagara Region for the next 12 weeks studying hospitality and tourism. They are gathering these new ideas before returning to their home country and implementing the curriculum in their high schools.

Marti Jurmain, director of new product development at Niagara College, said the program was designed to answer a call made by the Indonesian government. Jurmain helped Jos Nolle, manager of international education, design the program.

Jurmain said the visitors will do needs analyses, have field trips and participate in what is known as a "shadow" program. A principal will "follow someone around" for the day or several days. The visitors will choose what field and what type of person they wish to shadow.

College President Dan Patterson will be discussing the Gateway Project and the Hospitality and Tourism programs during the principals' visit.

Damian Goulbourne is the lead instructor for the Indonesians. Jhim Burwell is in charge of logistics for the college. These two and Orla Morgan, who teaches English for special purposes, will be helping the principals in the coming weeks.

"My purpose is to teach tourism English," said Morgan.

For the first two weeks the principals will be taught colloquial phrases, such as "what's up" and "pit stop." At the end of their visit they will be quizzed on their new language skills.

During an orientation day the 12 female and six male principals were very keen on learning about the governance of the schools in Canada from Jurmain.

A tour, led by Nolle, followed.

Former Niagara News reporter assisting principals

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

A Journalism-Print program graduate is putting his talents to work helping principals from Indonesian.

Jhim Burwell, 26, of Welland, is assisting 18 Indonesian principals while they visit Niagara College. Burwell will chaffeur them where they want to go.

Here for 12 weeks, the principals are studying in the Hospitality and Tourism program at the college's Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls.

"They are looking to make their high school programs more practical," said Burwell, adding the principals are here to see how North America handles its hospitality and tourism industry.

When they return, the principals will adapt the ideas learned here to their own schools.

Jos Nolle, manager of the International Education Department, said Burwell was a staff reporter for the Niagara News last year, and "is a reliable writer, (which) makes him well suited for the job."

Burwell said he has worked for the Welland YMCA and for Project Adventure doing some programming.

He said he has done some freelance writing. The job required someone with programming and journalistic background.

Burwell said he took some promotional photos for Club Denimin in Guelph, Ont.

The Headstones, a Canadian band, were performing and the club wanted to get some photos of people having a good time at their bar. They will be using the photos for pamphlets or maybe hanging them up in the bar.

Sisters making memories together in Canada

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

Two Korean sisters are not only learning more about living in Canada, but also about their relationship to Canada.

Yu Jung Choi, 22, and Jeong-Sun Choi, 21, are studying in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Niagara College. They came to Canada together last February.

After spending five months learning English in Toronto, Yu Jung and Jeong-Sun joined a four-week camping tour in Europe.

"It was very challenging," said Yu Jung.

The two slept in a tent almost every night.

They went to nine European countries, including the Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, France and the United Kingdom.

"It was a good opportunity to see many places," said Jeong-Sun.

Yu Jung said Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, was "very different" from other Western countries because it is a Communist country.

"The buildings are old, but people keep them very well," said Jeong-Sun.

She said she didn't really like Barcelona in Spain, but liked the Spanish architecture, especially the buildings of Antoni Gaudi, a Spanish architect.

Yu Jung said she enjoyed the many galleries, museums and sculptures in Florence, Italy.

"The city was full of art," said Jeong-Sun.

"Monaco is a really small country, but the night view was so beautiful," said Yu Jung.

Both said they want to go back to Monaco for their own honeymoons.

Yu Jung and Jeong-Sun said they walked to the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. "It was a great experience," said Yu Jung.

She said they were in London on Aug. 30 when Princess Diana was killed in a car accident in Paris. "We saw the first person who put the flowers for Princess Diana in front of Buckingham Palace."

After coming back from Europe, Yu Jung and Jeong-Sun came to Welland to study at Niagara.

"We were tired of a big city, Toronto," they said, adding even though there are so many people in Toronto, they felt they were "left alone."

After moving to Welland, they said they have been able to learn what the "real Canadian lifestyle is."

"I think the ESL teachers are close to students and helpful to solve our problems," said Yu Jung.

The two live with different Canadian host families.

"Sometimes, we invite each other for a party at either my house or Yu Jung's house. It's really good," said Jeong-Sun.

They said they now care for and help each other more than ever since coming to Canada.

"When I got sick, nobody cared about me, but Yu Jung was there. So, I didn't get lonely," said Jeong-Sun.

After this semester, they will return to Korea to go back to their universities.

Yu Jung is a mineral and petroleum engineering program student in Seoul.

Jeong-Sun is an architecture engineering program student in their hometown of Pusan.

"I would say what I've learned in Canada is English and sisterhood," says Yu Jung.

Yu Jung Choi, 22, right, and Jeong-Sun Choi, 21, of Korea, are studying the English as a Second Language program together at Niagara College. They hold Silang Gaksi, Korean groom and bridal dolls.

Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

Jail and Bail — fun way to help charity

'United Way' prisoner

By MINAKO YAMAGUCHI
Staff Writer

Sir, you are under arrest!

Jos Nolle, the manager of Niagara College's International Education Department, was charged on Oct. 17 for "always being late for everything and failure to confirm."

A Niagara Regional Police officer arrived at Niagara College's Welland campus to arrest Nolle taking him to the "court" held at the Seaway Mall in Welland.

The cops and convicted antics were part of the Seaway Mall's participation in fundraising for the United Way.

People are "arrested" for some "funny" reasons and go to jail. In order to get out of the jail, they have to raise money or "post bail."

The funds are actually a donation to the United Way of South Niagara.

Nolle elected to act as his own lawyer, representing himself before the "United Way" judge. Bail was set. Nolle went to jail, appealing to the English as a Second Language (ESL) students to help raise his bail money.

Carolyn Ambrose, the interim co-ordinator of the Intensive ESL program, says she learned about the Jail and Bail event at the Seaway Mall.

She arranged for Nolle to be a "United Way" prisoner, a fate he accepted.

Ambrose says the purpose was to let the international students see "there is a fun way to be a volunteer and help a charity" in Canada.

"It was actually interesting to see the way they raise money," says Tomo Miura, 22, of Japan, an ESL student.

Jos Nolle, manager of Niagara College's International Education Department, right, holding his son, Mark Nolle, 3, was in "United Way" jail until his post bail was raised.
Photo by Minako Yamaguchi

Book sale funds scholarships

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Attention, bookworms!

Niagara College will again host the Canadian Federation of University Women's annual book sale in the college's cafeteria on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pat Loiselle, of Fonthill, has been a member of the federation's Welland and District chapter for three years. Loiselle, a teacher in the Dufferin-Peel County school system, says volunteers have been collecting books since the summer.

The proceeds from the book sale will be used for university scholarships worth $500 for each high school in the Niagara Region.

The cost of books starts as low as 10 cents and go up to $3 for special collection books.

"The price on books can be lowered," says Loiselle.

There is a book dropoff at J. C. Bald School on Thorold Road in Welland, where volunteers will be organizing the books for the sale.

The sale is not only available to students at Niagara, but also to everyone in the community.

Loiselle says that in previous years at the book sale"a great number of children show up stocked with boxes, paper bags and pillow cases."

She added "major collectors" have shown up.

Games, puzzles, textbooks, classic novels, audio cassettes, books-on-tape and encyclopedias are only a few of the different types of materials available at the sale.

There are about 80 members of the federation, many of them now retired who volunteer for the book sale.

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United Way raised $5,200

By JEANNIE ORBAN
Staff Writer

A Niagara College teacher was arrested and taken away in handcuffs on Friday, Oct. 17, but all for a good cause — the United Way of South Niagara.

Rena Posterano, assistant to the call centre program of Niagara College, was charged with the crime of "dispensing too much homework." A former student, Sherry Montgomery, had her arrested with donations from the call centre students. Posterano pleaded not guilty.

Judge Shane Belford said, "Well, her crimes are just heinous crimes, crimes against humanity. It's probably going to have to be about $25 she'll have to raise" for bail.

The United Way of South Niagara held its Jail and Bail event at the Seaway Mall. Individuals could have someone they know arrested for a minimum donation of $25. The jailed person would then have to try to raise the "bail" money, equivalent to the funds donated for the arrest. This could be either with his or her own money or by stopping passers-by and asking for donations.

The United Way raised $5,200 in Welland and Port Colborne. Posterano contributed about $40 to that with her arrest fee and her bail.

"It's all for a good cause. I've already made friends here in jail," said Posterano.

"I'm definitely going to cut down on my homework," she joked. "I never want to be in jail again. Therefore, for the rest of the term, there is no homework."

Rena Posterano, from the call centre, is getting arrested for the United Way's Jail and Bail at the Seaway Mall.
Photo by Jeannie Orban

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We all like to compete, with each other, with ourselves, with other schools. It doesn't matter what it is. If there is a challenge we are always up for it.

If we are always competing, what is the price? Would you try to beat your fellow classmates just for the glory?

When you challenge a colleague you may win, but in the end it is the team that loses.

It happens all the time as people try to step into the limelight. This is not to say there isn't a lot of talent out there and that everyone is equal, but if you can help your team to win, why not do it? You will get more recognition when the team wins than if the team loses.

If the team loses everyone loses, and the showboaters start blaming everyone else. If the team wins then the showboaters hog the glory and say, "If it wasn't for me this team would be nowhere."

If you think that hogging the limelight is helping, think again. It won't. What the world needs is a team player, not a bunch of showoffs who steal the limelight.

We know it may sound corny but just remember there is no "I" in the word "team."

Ian Anderson

Off with their heads

British scientists have learned how to use genetic materials in the same way a small boy might learn to use his first pellet gun. They have blown the head off a frog.

The scientific approach to producing tadpole torsoes is, predictably, more sophisticated. The cut is clean. The frog doesn't bleed.

The mess, however, will be much trickier to clean up.

Success with the headless frog has drawn attention to the possibilities of manufacturing headless humans.

Headless humans.

It's not as though these genetically engineered folks would be groping the space between their shoulders or bumping into walls.

They would be fleshy lumps of spare parts — putty with a spine.

Some scientists predict this hybrid form of human reproduction will be a reality within the next decade.

We can only hope the British geneticists have kept their first-year bioethics notes from medical school.

Science cannot simply asssume that genetic reproduction is not the same as creating and manipulating life.

It may not be. If these DNA spinoffs are proven not to be "living," so be it. Off with their heads.

Let's hope science is a benevolent god to the new race it creates, whatever it is. Let's hope genetics won't enslave a race of people that can't speak up for itself.

Paul Baswick

Letters to the editor

Rock of ages forgotten

Dear Editor:

As a part of the 10th anniversary at the college, it was decided to place a time capsule on campus.

Great pains were taken to chose items for inclusion that would give the future some idea of the concerns and passions of Niagara College in the year 1977.

After the items were chosen, they were placed in a sealed, nitrogen-filled container. So that the time capsule could remain undisturbed, it was decided to place it in a concrete slab near the corner of Woodlawn Road and First Avenue. To mark the spot, a large triangular rock was purchased and a plaque was attached to the rock.

For many years the rock was the only item in the middle of this field. Finally, a sign for Niagara College was placed behind it.

It still remained mainly unnoticed. This fall, as a part of the landscaping of the First Avenue entrance, a path was put in, which went right past the rock. Finally we could walk past the time capsule without walking through a field.

Imagine my surprise when they picked up the rock and moved it to an inconspicuous location beside a side entrance to the Merritt building. When the workman were questioned as to the fate of the time capsule, they said, "Oh it's OK, it's in the rock behind the plaque."

When it was pointed out that the time capsule was in the concrete pad, they said, " Oh, so that's why we were told not break it up."

When concern about the time capsule and its marker was addressed to members of the senior administration at the college, they replied with "Did it have any special signifigance?" and "It was decided by the landscaping firm to move the rock from the landscaping around the sign."

It would appear that a sense of history and continuity no longer have a place at Niagara College.

Perhaps we could raise money for the college by selling these obtrusive artifacts, or perhaps sell the renaming of the buildings for an annual fee. *Buy a brick for the new campus, you never know where it will end* up!

Tom Fraser
Department of Mathematics
Foundation Division

Thanks go out to law and security students

Dear Editor:

Hello to those in the Law and Security Administration program who helped out at the AIDS walk.

Bobby and I want to send a personal thank you for all your help. You people have shown that you care. By your examples you have set, may others follow.

Again, thank you.

Lena Dadd
and Bobby Mathieson

Remember to save the day

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to go back in time?

On Oct. 26, you will get the chance when we turn our clocks back one hour.

At 2:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time residents living in this time zone will enter into Daylight Savings Time.

Although many of us will probably be sleeping during this process, others will may take advantage of the extra hour to party.

Before you go to sleep on Saturday night, remember to turn your clocks back one hour. Failure to do so may cause embarrassment if you show up for church or work an hour early.

Correction

In the last edition of the Niagara News (Volume 28, No. 2, Oct. 10) in a report on the sale of Alumni Association raffle tickets, it was written 1,200 tickets had been sold in September. In fact, there are some tickets remaining. Tickets are available by telephone from the Niagara College Foundation office at (905) 988-5211.

FROM THE HIP

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Sir, would you like fries with that?

Grim future for young people

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

"I have an honors bachelor of arts in history. Would you like fries with that?"

During a recent trip back home, I called a friend from high school to see what she was up to. A third-year student at York University in Toronto, she is very optimistic about her future.

We reminisced about old times and past conversations about what we wanted to be when we grew up.

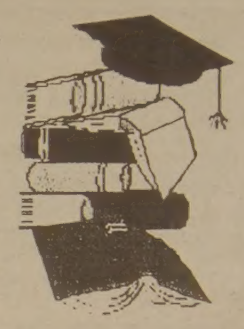
I vividly remember her telling me she wanted to be the first female prime minister of Canada. Yet at age 21, with such a grim future for young people, we are faced with the reality of the kind of jobs that we will probably be working at.

Next year she will have her honors bachelor of arts in history. As we spoke, she joked about how hard it is to find a good job now.

When I was younger, I remember seeing relatives and they never failed to ask me this: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

As a child, I never had trouble answering that question. I always had a different answer for everyone. I wanted to be a princess, a detective, a police officer, a firefighter and even an Olympian.

While back home, I stopped by to see a girl I used to babysit. I asked her, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"I just want to have a job," she replied.

Although only six years old, this girl had a better grasp of reality than I did by the time that I was a teenager.

With the rising cost of post-secondary education, I don't even want to estimate how much a higher level of education is going to cost her.

I hope that years from now, even after four years of university, her chances of employment will be significantly higher than what they are now.

In 16 years will she be working as a server in a fast-food restaurant greeting people with a smile?

"I have an honors BA in history. Would you like fries with that?"

John Snobelen relieved

By BRENDA BEAVEN
Staff Writer

Extra, extra, read all about it — Ontario's Tories are weak.

The cabinet shuffle that took place two weeks ago, relieving John Snobelen of his duties as minister of education and training, shows a real victory for labor.

It shows Mike Harris and his party can be overcome.

Kudos to Ontario's teachers. You give the rest of us hope to win our fight against this "fascist government."

The past two years have been a constant struggle for students, seniors, the poor and other "special interest groups," but this shuffle has proven that if we stay together and stay strong we will win.

Placing David Johnson in Snobelen's former position could benefit the teachers, students and parents as well as the government if he plays his cards right.

Johnson, who is dubbed "Mr. Fix-it," is the same person who helped put an end to the Ontario Public Service Employees Union strike and will try to smooth things out with teachers.

Harris has a lot of work to do on his election campaign, which should be coming up within the next year, but no amount of doctoring to his party and its agenda will see him in Queen's Park for another four years.

Are guys really simpler creatures?

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

This one's for the ladies.

Have you ever had one of those emotional days that at any second you could either laugh or cry, unjustifiably and uncontrollably?

There just isn't anything anyone can do or say at those moments that would change the unexplainable emotion.

As much as I hate the saying, "Is this a girl thing?" it's still a good question.

Do you think guys have these moments of desperation? Or do you think they just rationalize their feelings by blaming a missed meal or a bad seventh inning?

These breakdowns are often impulsive, so much out of character that often after a sob, you have to laugh at yourself. No matter how silly you are being, you can not control these same feelings the next time around.

The battle of the sexes has been going on forever.

At these moments, you have to wonder if guys really are simpler creatures, or do they just not vocalize their feelings as often?

Guys amaze me.

I wish I could concentrate on one thing at a time and take things at face value, most of all, though, when I'm having a bad day, I wish I could simply blame everything on the old man who drove home in front of me rather than think the whole world is out to get me.

So guys, if you can explain this to me, I'd love to hear your side of the story.

Proceed with caution

By KEVIN McKEE
Staff Writer

Human beings are instinctively afraid of the unknown.

I experienced this myself when I attended an AIDS Niagara press conference recently.

The fear of contracting HIV from being in the same room with a person infected with the virus exists.

People are afraid of how to treat an infected person.

They may say in a conversation that "I wouldn't treat them any differently," but by referring to that person as "them," they have already classified the person as being different.

Our fears could be our undoing.

Recent news of low supply levels in Red Cross blood banks is proof society has a problem addressing its fears.

The tainted blood scandal of the 1980s provokes our fears, but is that fear justified?

Many of us are uncertain whether to give blood or not, but would we withhold a plate of food or a glass of water from a starving child?

A pint of water to a child dying of thirst is the same as a pint of blood to a child with hemophilia.

Society has reached a crossroads. Our fears are like a yellow light. Don't stop. Proceed with caution.

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Ku Klux Klan gets caught in the Web

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

"Welcome to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Those were the words on the screen. A young woman writing e-mail in the terminal beside me looked over for an instant, then looked away just as quickly.

The computer lab in the Simcoe building was loud with the clickety-clack sound of fast typing on shiny new keyboards. A student sat hunched in front of every terminal. Most were corresponding with friends and family, or playing solitaire. A few were roaming the Web.

Click-clack. "Neo-nazi." "Aryan Nations." "KKK." The words on the screen allowed me to access a multitude of Web sites. Some were more interesting than others.

Applications for membership in the Knights of the KKK. A rotating

KKK

black swastika on a red background, underneath a paragraph promoting racist ideology. A photograph of Ernst Zundel, a notorious publisher of hate literature, standing defiantly amongst a throng of reporters.

A red and black counter displayed that 18,869 people had visited the Aryan Nation's home page. Similar sites on the Web had been visited as often, and sometimes much more frequently.

The screen changed to accommodate the new images in seconds. Sometimes, one would have to wait for as long as a minute.

The directories on the screen showed that anti-racist and anti-fascist groups had their own Web sites. These were almost as numerous as their counterparts, and originated from just as many locations around the world: Germany, France, Norway, South Africa, Britain, The United States, Canada.

Click-clack. New images and directories filled the screen. "Join the War on Right Wing Ignorance." "Nazism Exposed." "Stop the Hate." Pages of text were accompanied by colorful symbols of imperial eagles and proto-swastikas used by the various hate groups.

Click. Whrrrr. The text and graphics were gone now, replaced by a blank screen. The white room was no longer humming with activity. Most of the students had finished their games of solitaire an hour ago.

Catch CNN, NASCAR, NHL news on Internet

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

A 19-car crash while most were travelling at speeds in excess of 300 km-h, and you missed it? Not to worry, you can still catch a clip on NASCAR's homepage, www.nascar.com.

From the moment Jeff Gordon's rear tire blew to the time the dust got too thick to put a knife through, NASCAR has it all in .avi format. Although .avi is not real-time and is somewhat large in size, these files are of top quality, just like NASCAR's homepage.

With everything from the latest breaking NASCAR news to the newest results and standings of the drivers and teams, to clips of past racing events, www.nascar.com has it all.

A NASCAR chat lets Web drivers check their favorite racers. The live program lets surfers listen to their favorite racers, even if they can't get MRN Radio on their dial. There is a trivia game for the die-hard NASCAR fan. NASCAR's Web page is excellent.

Did you miss the news last night because you wanted to see the 19 car pile-up? Check out all the latest news on CNN Interactive, CNN's Web page.

A nice little extra on www.cnn.com is the personalized news. Just head down to the bottom of the page and click on Register for your personal news. CNN will then bring up a registry page, which you fill out to give a personal profile to your news. Only the news you want to see will be displayed. No more rummaging through stories you don't care about just to see last night's NHL scores. CNN has put together a comprehensive news page and is living up to its excellent standards not only on television but also on the Net.

Talking about NHL, the designers of their Web page did an excellent job. With the latest hockey scores on the main page and a site map right at the top, www.nhl.com has mastered the art of user-friendliness.

A nice addition to the site is the vote for the 1998 All-Star game that gives surfers a chance to be heard. IBM has teamed with the NHL to build an excellent site with scores and recaps, stats, news, schedules, team sites, a live game radio and more. With quick-loading graphics and a well-thought-out site, the NHL has again conquered.

Whether you missed that great pile-up your friends keep telling you about, or you need to catch what happened last night for that Current Events quiz you have tomorrow, or you want to see if you won your $20 for betting on the Red Wings, don't forget where the information is. The information super-highway is at hand. Just watch yourself because you never know when someone is going to blow a tire at 300 km-h. You don't want to be in the middle of that!

Niagara News e-mail an asset

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

We've just made it a little easier to get in touch with us.

The Niagara News now has its own e-mail address. The address is niagnews@iaw.com.

We welcome your comments, suggestions, cheers, jeers and whatever else you feel you need to tell us about the paper.

"It's important to get feedback from the students," said Dan Dakin, 19, of Niagara Falls, editor of the *Sept. 26 edition of the Niagara* News.

"This is an easy way for them to do it."

If you would like a reply to your letter, please be sure to include your e-mail address. We will respond to your letters as time permits.

Sony Playstation's Triple Play '98 hits home

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a professional baseball player? What does it feel like to hit a game-winning home run? What is it like to play in the World Series?

If you have wondered about these, Electronic Arts has made a game for you. Triple Play 98 is the newest baseball game for the Sony PlayStation video game system.

Triple Play 98 brings Major League Baseball right into your living room.

Every stadium is duplicated, and this is the first game to have a play-by-play announcer and a color commentary announcer. It's just like you're watching a game on television.

The graphics for this game are amazing. All the players are in 3-D and have signature pitching and batting styles just like the real players.

This game is licensed by Major League Baseball, which means all team logos and the names of players are real. This game even has each player's name and number on the back of his jersey.

Hitting in this game takes a little practice but then again, it's the major leagues and hitting shouldn't be easy. The pitching is amazing because the pitches the pitchers throw are exactly the same. If you want to pitch a Roger Clemens' slider, you can. The fielding in the game is also exceptional. Even the outfielders can climb the fence to make a game-saving catch.

If you want the real Major Leagues Baseball feel, grab a comfortable seat and try to take your favorite team through a 162-game season and even into the league playoffs and the World Series.

When you play a season, it's just like the real thing. Your players get injured, you compile more than 50 different stats and you can even make trades or create yourself as a player and try your luck as a major leaguer.

A triple play in baseball is a great play. So is this video game making it a hit.

Education has no limits

By KEVIN MCKEE
Staff Writer

There may be a course that you have always wanted to take but with your schedule you have never have time to fit it in.

Now you have the chance, thanks to the technology of the information age. The fax machine, e-mail and the Internet are taking distance learning in a whole new direction. Niagara College is offering this opportunity.

Your classroom is your home computer. This is not to say you can't have discussions in class. Chat rooms will be set up in some courses so you can discuss an issue with a fellow student or your teacher.

Brian Keppy, a teacher at Niagara College's Welland campus, said, "The course is well organized and can fit into a busy schedule."

In order to be a successful distance learner you need self-discipline, to be willing to ask for help and have confidence in your independent learning skills, a Distance Learning at Niagara College report said. Contact South Distance Learning Programs compiled the report.

Another advantage of any course offered over the Internet, Keppy said, is "you can take it anywhere in the world."

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Mayor says park 'a great thing in our city'

Susan Nouys, left, Welland Mayor Dick Reuter and Leo Van Vliet cut the ribbon and open a new recreation park, while children enjoy the playground equipment. **Photo by Karen Gellatly**

By KAREN GELLATLY and CARRIE CHEHOWSKI Staff Writers

An achievement for Welland is a good place for youngsters to play.

The grand opening of Lancaster Park was held on Oct. 18. The ceremony was attended by Ian Smith, director of community services; Leo VanVliet, Ward 1 councillor, and Susan Noyse, chair of community services and Ward 6 councillor.

"It's a great thing in our city," Welland Mayor Dick Reuter, who was there for the ribbon cutting. "It's a great achievement for our community."

Susan Stephens, 39, of Welland, is the resident manager of Doral Towers, the apartment building beside the new park.

Stephens said Lancaster Park is "great for the kids in our building," adding the park keeps children away from the building's windows.

Free pony rides were given after the ceremonial ribbon-cutting along with free coffee, donuts, hot dogs and balloons.

Reuter spoke about his childhood in the area. "Some of the trees, I'm sure, will remember me."

More than 26,000 people at Thanksgiving Festival

By TINEKE BRUINSMA Staff Writer

Balls Falls' annual Thanksgiving Festival Oct. 10 to Oct. 13 offered a fall harvest of food and activities.

"The festival's attendance was 26,800 people," said Christine Hayward, festival convenor for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority.

Three large tents and numerous buildings housed over 140 artisans, wandering minstrels and puppeteers, ensuring activities were available for everyone.

Performers and entertainment included song, dance, pony rides and magic.

The festival offered demonstrations on how an old mill ground wheat into flour. The refined product could then be purchased by those who wanted a bag of freshly ground flour for home.

Children were excited by the sight of the ponies. A closer look revealed two donkeys who managed to join the pony-riding fun.

The Ontario Hawking Club brought hawks, falcons and owls for patrons' viewing.

After a tour of all of the tents, food vendors' booths, and viewing of the animals, one might wish to savor the tantalizing treats offered by the festival's food vendors. The culinary offerings smelled delicious. Those daring to walk through the food court were sure to taste one of the foods offered.

A weekend of beautiful 20-*degree Celsius weather, along with* many activities, made the Balls Falls' Thanksgiving festival a fun way to spend the holiday.

Numerous activities for Week of the Child

It has been a week for tiny people with a big impact as the Week of the Child was marked by celebrations, special visits and trips for the staff, students and clients of Niagara College's Child Care Centre.

On Tuesday, a kick-off parade of children wound its way across the Welland campus as youngsters, holding tightly to evenly spaced knots in a guiding rope, ventured into the Tecumseh wing and Voyageur block.

At 7 p.m. in the Black Walnut Cafeteria "Images Creative Puppetry" delighted children and adults with the puppet magic that brought imaginations to life.

At the Child Centre on Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jump 'n Bounce Air Bus get the activity high energy. During the frigid snowy afternoon, at 2:30 p.m., Dave McMahon demonstrated the best ways to teach a dog obedience.

Yesterday, in the Sears Court of the Seaway Mall on Niagara Street in Welland, a display at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. showcased children, their successes and their talents in artistry and music. Information on the Child Care Centre was also available.

Under the 'B' for bingo

BY DAVE CONROY Staff Writer

Are you ready for some bingo?

The Niagara College Alunmi Association will be holding an alumni bingo at the Skyway Bingo Hall in St. Catharines on Oct 25.

Proceeds will go to various student bursaries.

Alumni bingo has been a college activity since February 1996.

"It has been very successful for us," said Martha Gleddie, special events co-ordinator for the Niagara College Foundation.

Have your markers ready for 6 p.m. The Skyway Bingo is at 150 Bunting Rd.

Watch for the news from around the world International Education Special Section Nov. 21

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Need a car? Scratch!

Ray Sarkis, Niagara College's assistant athletic director, shows off the new $19,000 Chevrolet Cavalier being given away by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association.

Photo by Dan Dakin

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

Hey, you never know.

A new 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier could be yours.

The Niagara College Athletic Department is selling tickets to win the car until Nov. 28. During a double-header basketball game on Dec. 5, a finalist from the college will be drawn.

That person will then go to the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association All-Star game on Jan. 24 at Durham College in Oshawa.

During the half-time break there will be a draw for the $19,000 car between all the finalists from college throughout Ontario.

Consolation prices will be awarded to all those who aren't lucky enough to win the car.

Raffle tickets have a scratch area on them that determines how much you pay for them. They will cost $2, $1 or nothing. The athletes have books of 35 tickets. Each book has 10 freebies in it.

17 students 'really motivated'

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

Calling all call-takers.

Niagara College recently received about $100,000 in funding from Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) for the new Public Safety Communications program (PSC) launched Sept. 15.

The program includes instruction in call-taking, radio operations, human relations, law, disaster management and fire, police and ambulance communications.

The 17 students enrolled will gain further experience in the college's Call Centre and be responsible for two three-week placements.

"The students are really motivated," said Heather Hodgson, program co-ordinator and course instructor.

"The instructors have gelled together well as a team. Everyone's in sync."

The program is offered in partnership with Kwantlen University College in Surrey, B.C. Niagara is the only other college to offer this curriculum.

Hodgson said, "There has never been extensive pre-employment training like this."

Graduates will receive certification from both colleges and a certificate from the Association for Public Safety Communications Officials International.

Kwantlen's program, in operation for six years, has a 75 to 80 per cent placement rate for its graduates.

Hodgson said groups including the Niagara Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police and the Niagara Parks Police have said they will take Niagara's PSC graduates "at a high priority."

Niagara's students in the PSC program will have a unique experience in early December.

The program will be teaming with the Law and Security Administration program (LASA) and the Niagara College International Education office to act out a role-playing scenario.

News briefs

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

• The Maid of the Mist Centre for Hospitality and Tourism is hosting a food festival on Nov. 6. Kiosks will be set up from which the public can sample foods. Tickets are $25 per person, $40 per couple and beer is complimentary with ticket purchase.

• Niagara College President Dan Patterson hosted a number of potential investors last Friday including members of Canadian Corporate Funding Limited, Bank of Montreal Capital Corporation and the Canadian Consulate General.

• After Hours hosts the Halloween Pub on Thursday, Oct. 30. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Working together

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer

Positive relations between public relations and journalism practitioners is both possible and productive.

Andrew Lundy, a staff reporter for the St. Catharines Standard, visited a Niagara College post-graduate Public Relations class Oct. 9 to speak on how to get along with the media as a public relations practitioner.

Lundy, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, has worked for the Standard for several years, recently taking over the labor and business beat.

He began his presentation with a short overview of what reporters expect of public relations practitioners. He said reporters want help that is honest.

"Lying is the last thing you should be doing to get your story across," said Lundy.

"As a reporter we would like to see a press package dealing with every facet of the story. A press package that contains photographs, models and a sales package makes the life of a reporter a lot easier. We do not want to receive minimal information."

He gave the example of a police report which stated essential facts of an event but gave no useful details to aid the reporter.

Lundy said, "We try to bring the story home. A minor accident may have a major impact on those involved.

"We are thrown into things and do not always know everything. We are the professional witnesses. We are where the public cannot be."

When asked how a reporter approaches the news, Lundy debunked a common belief that reporters write stories to sell newspapers.

"I don't know one reporter who looks at their job as selling newspapers," said Lundy.

"Reporters are human. They are objective," said Lundy.

ANDREW LUNDY

Denise Papaiz, a public relations teacher at Niagara College, commented on her experience working with reporters. She said it always went well. The two parties have goals to meet and as long as each parties' goals are met they are both happy.

"My understanding of their (reporters') lifestyle made my working with them easier," said Papaiz. "We had reasons to go beyond petty attitudes."

"Not having personal animosity towards a public relations representative makes working with them a lot easier," said Lundy.

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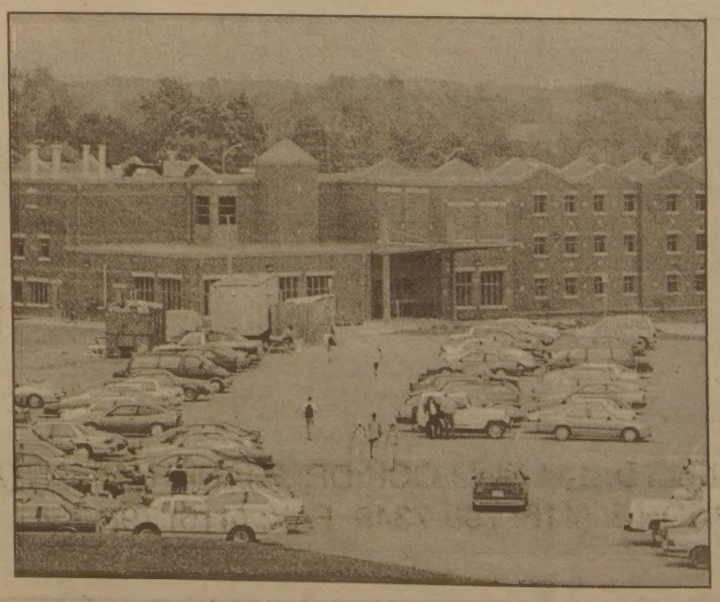

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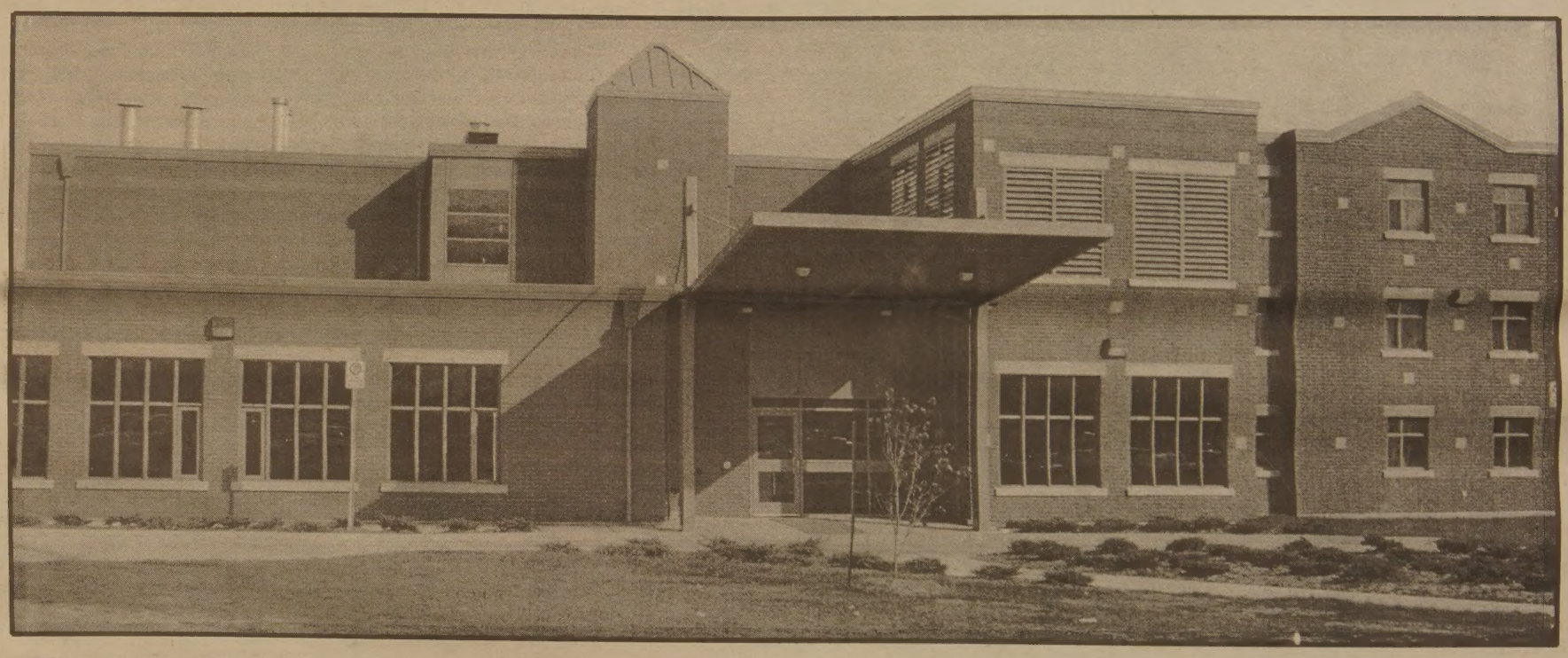

We are pleased to be involved with the construction of the new student residence for Niagara College. The excellent relationship with the various trade contractors, campus living centre, consultants and the college staff itself, turned a close to impossible construction schedule into a reality, for the September student occupancy. The students residing in the building appear to enjoy the on-campus accommodations and we are sure that the numerous semesters that will follow, will allow the future students of Niagara College to enjoy this fine facility.

We congratulate all that were involved from the conceptual beginnings to construction and administration of the residence.

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Self-teaching computer helps adult learners

By JENNIFER COTE
Staff Writer

Continuing Education has found another way to help adult learners.

The Open Learning Centre is in the Hennepin building and includes 14 self-teaching computer stations housing the top Interactive Multimedia Training equipment with such programs as Windows 95, WordPerfect 6.1, Lotus 97 and Microsoft Office 97.

The centre runs on a call and book-a-time basis.

The computer teaches the student using "very, very user-friendly" software and works like a tape recorder. The student is able to stop, rewind or fast-forward any part of the lesson and the computer monitors the student's progress.

Learners can take up to three months to complete a course, and can come in for any length of time available to them. A certificate is issued at time of completion.

Foster Zanutto, Niagara College's director of Continuing Education said this is one of the best forms of learning because people retain 25 per cent of what they hear, 45 per cent of what they see and 70 per cent of what they see, hear and do.

The centre is designed for the employed worker in an "office or industrial environment who needs to improve their computer skills," he said.

"These people are already working, but the technology in their office place is changing and they've got to learn to operate the new technology.

"Basically, it's allowed us to enter into a new market niche that we didn't have before," he said, explaining why the college opened the centre.

The centre is able to "accommodate the individual who wanted to start tomorrow or who wanted to study while on shift work, or who wanted to take a course at a time when we weren't offering it," said Zanutto, adding not everyone is able to attend for the eight to 15 weeks that is the usual time for a course.

These are exactly the type of people that may be able to make good use of the centre, he said.

Although the centre is not open to post-secondary students, that restriction may soon change.

"We do have plans to duplicate this at our new Glendale campus (in Niagara-on-the-Lake)."

He said the birth of the centre enabled the college to enter into a partnership with a company called FutureSkills.

"This is a new venture for Niagara College to be in partnership with a private company, and we see this as the way of the future."

He said the college is looking forward to more partnerships such as Microsoft certified training.

The Open Learning Centre is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each course costs $195. However, if you take three courses, the fourth is free.

To register or get more information, call 735-2211, ext. 7510.

Eat well at foundation gala

By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

Prepare to dine in style.

The Niagara College Foundation, in partnership with the Carousel Players of St. Catharines, will be hosting a special night on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Called Great Escapes: A Food Wine and Travel Gala, the event will be held at Niagara College's Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the gala will feature foods prepared by Niagara area chefs, including the college's own Mark Hand, food and beverage manager at the Maid of the Mist Centre.

The main event is an auction of travel and entertainment, including a few pieces from the foundation's art works.

Although this is a new event for the college, Martha Gleddie, special events co-ordinator at the foundation, said she expects it to be "a great success."

"It should be a lot of fun . . . the food will be great," she said.

Some of the items offered for bidding will include evenings at the Royal York Hotel and tickets to the Hummingbird Centre in Toronto, a Stratford Shakespearean Festival getaway, Shaw Theatre tickets, Cave Spring Cellars wines and a gourmet dinner for 10 by Greg Willis at Cellar Bench restaurant in St. Catharines.

Tickets cost $20 a person or $35 a couple with proceeds going to the Double Your Dollars campaign for students in the Financial Need Bursary program.

For more information, contact the Niagara College Foundation at (905) 988-5211.

Lack of student support costs SAC

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

To go or not to go.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) gave away tickets to the Shaw Festival because of a lack of student support.

"We gave tickets to people who have volunteered and have helped us and to organizations that have supported us," said SAC President Don Woodruff.

SAC had to cover the cost of the 32 tickets, $890. SAC cancelled the bus and tickets were refunded. Tickets were $35 for the excursion to Niagara-on-the-Lake to watch the performance of Will Any Gentleman.

"The people who ended up going thought it was a phenomenal performance. I think Niagara College students missed out on a good deal because the tickets that we did get were regularly $70 and SAC got them for half price."

SAC was encouraged to do more than just offer special trips to sporting events because students may want to attend an event such as the theatre or other cultural events.

"We have to learn from our errors. We still have one more theatre play excursion. Maybe it was the cost of tickets or the advertising and maybe students are just not interested in theatre play. We still have to test the water and see what students want and go from there."

SAC will be having an excursion to watch a performance at the *Centre for the Arts at Brock* University on Nov. 26. Tickets for the play Ain't Misbehaving are $15 for the jazz classical comedy.

Health fair coming

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

By attending Niagara College's Health Fair, you can keep the doctor away.

The college's Health Centre is preparing for the fair to be held on Nov. 25 in the foyer across from the CRNC radio station at the Welland campus.

Carolyn Hurst, college nurse, says she is optimistic about this year's fair as more than 70 invitations have been sent to community health agencies.

"I am hoping the turnout will be a healthy display," says Hurst. "The purpose of the health fair is to expose Niagara College students to the community agencies."

Representatives from various health organizations will bring their expertise, in person, to the college through displays and brochures and information sessions.

"As health care changes we need to become more resourceful," says Hurst. "We are moving towards community management."

Hurst says the fair was well received and many positive comments were made by students and health representatives.

"The representatives felt students were interested and asked important questions."

The health fair is open to all students between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Welland campus.

The St. Catharines campus will hold its fair on Dec. 2. The Maid of the Mist Centre's will be on Dec. 4.

Defining mature student

By BARB GREGOR
Staff Writer

Almost every class in Niagara College has at least one.

They don't look much different from anyone else. But they have some very different problems.

They are the mature students.

This is the first in a series of articles to address the problems and concerns of this group.

Mature students make up 14 per cent of the student body at Niagara College. This figure comes from a survey of entry-level students in September 1996. Of the approximately 2,900 students surveyed, 1,820 students responded.

"This is a good sample," says Al Vaughan, director of enrolment and registration services.

There are several definitions of mature student. For admission purposes, it's defined as anyone over the age of 19 who has been out of school for at least 12 months.

According to Brigitte Chiki, director of access and student success, a mature student, or non-traditional student, is one who doesn't meet the formal academic criteria of the college.

This definition excludes the student who has a high school diploma and is returning to school after many years or the displaced worker who has come back for retraining or the person on compensation who must change fields because of injuries.

The reason for this lack of definition is that there is no official distinction made between mature students and those entering the college directly from high school, according to Vaughan.

Future articles in our series will show that unofficial distinctions do exist and are dealt with in an appropriate manner.

If you have concerns you feel should be covered in this series, contact the Niagara News at Ext. 7750.

Disney presents...

Dave Foster (at left), Kevin Polstra and Tim Kennedy represent International Programs at Walt Disney World in Florida. See page 31 for story.

Photo by Cher Cirillo

All Hallow's Eve

By CARLY ANDREWS
Staff Writer

Halloween or All Hallow's Eve, on Oct. 31, is a holy evening, the eve of All Saint's Day. This is in contrast to the evil spirits lurking in neighborhoods in the 1990s.

First established in the seventh century, the evening's Christian feast was not the first celebration. Historians have discovered many of the beliefs and observances associated with it began long before the Christian era.

The ancient Druids held a three-day celebration in early November. They believed dead spirits roamed the earth. On the last night of October, they lit bonfires to drive the spirits away. People gathered around the fires to relate their experiences with strange noises and mystic practices.

In early 20th-century America, fun took the form of harmless pranks and rowdy parties of the First World War. That spirit continued in the 1950s and 1960s with school parades of students marching in costumes, and brief programs of skits and refreshments at the YMCA and churches.

Today, children of all ages continue to carve faces in hollowed-out pumpkins and create jack-o-lanterns by lighting candles inside them. Images such as bats, black cats, skeletons and witches are displayed in homes and stores. Adults and children dress in costumes and masks and got to parties where they bob for apples, or go door-to-door demanding "trick or treat," hoping for delicious candy or money donations for UNICEF.

In keeping with the tradition of Halloween, instead of begging for candy, have a nice, scary evening at home with a favorite snack and a scary movie and have a frighteningly good time!

Halloween

Port Colborne's eerie tomb

Running around Hopkins Tomb on Lakeshore Road, in Port Colborne may mean the difference between life and death, so the legend says.

Photo by Crystal Older

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

The spirit of Samuel Hopkins lives for laughs, or is it all a hoax?

Hopkins' tomb on Lakeshore Road in Port Colborne has many prank-pulling guests, but they aren't the ones pulling the pranks.

The tomb has been smashed up and painted on and still looks as it did the year it was built, 1899.

The tomb is made of large bricks and now has a steel door. It used to have windows on the front but they have now been covered because of numerous pranks. It is surrounded by a waist-high stone fence, which has a gate at the front for entering the tomb.

The tomb has five occupied crypts and one that is vacant for Hopkins' last living immediate relative.

Hopkins' screams can be heard if you get him angry enough. If you run around the tomb and bang on the door each time, you might feel like a fool but only if you are around long enough to tell the story.

In the early 1970s, three men decided it would be a great idea to explore the tomb, but Hopkins didn't like that. Call it coincidence or call it fate, but the men only made it part way into the tomb before calling it quits. This was no haunted house, they said.

They returned to their homes safely that night, but didn't know what they were in for in the near future.

The man whose entire body had entered the tomb lost his life in an accident only weeks after this incident. The second and third men lost the limbs that were in the tomb also in accidents. Was this just coincidence, or had Hopkins struck again?

The tomb's curse can send you running. A man heard that running around the tomb seven times and knocking on the door each time might chase away whatever was haunting the tomb.

After the third time he heard loud noises, screams, and banging, which seemed to be coming from inside the tomb. The ground around him seemed to be thumping. Was it an earthquake? Who knows?

His only line of defense was his tire iron, which he carried to be sure he was protected, but from what, a mugger? Could it really protect him from the spirit of Hopkins.

Although that tire iron would have worked if the prankster had been a human being, the man knew it had to be something else. The tire iron flew from his hands and landed in the bushes outside the fence that surrounds the tomb.

When the man went to get his tire iron, it was red hot and could not be touched.

The tomb sounds like a perfect place for a sorority initiation. Well, it has happened.

Two frosh were tied around the tomb and were to stay there all night while the rest of the sorority partied at the limestone quarry just down the road. The partygoers were nice enough to leave the two water, but they didn't know they were taking their lives.

The morning after the party, when the sorority leaders came to let the frosh go, they discovered the rope had been broken and the frosh were gone. Had they just been frightened?

No, they were dead.

Dave Keast, a Business Administration-Marketing program student, of St. Catharines, takes advantage of a fall day while exploring the screaming tunnel on Warner Road.

Photo by Crystal Older

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

Lights pass the windows of Warner Road residents and they know it is just another person coming to see the screaming tunnel.

The abandoned railway tunnel is the ideal spot for a horror movie. The cool, wet and secluded area was in a scene in Canadian filmwriter David Cronenberg's idea of the Stephen King novel The Dead Zone.

Many years ago, according to the legend, a young girl ran from a burning barn, her clothes on fire, and stumbled into the tunnel screaming to her death. Legend has it her scream can be heard still.

Lighting a wooden match at midnight, on a full moon, could get you a scare of a lifetime. You can hear the echos of her scream.

A fictitious young girl in Cronenberg's film was also murdered in the tunnel.

The scene doesn't excite the residents of Warner Road, for most believe that the legend is as fictitious as the movie's plot.

The tunnel is a perfect place to be on Oct. 31. If there really is a scream, you are sure to have the scare of a lifetime.

Take a spooky tour

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

Candlelight, a full moon, and the location of the War of 1812. This is spooky.

The tour starts at the Queen's Landing Hotel, where a $5 admission is charged to see what might be a ghost.

Was it a ghost, merely a sheet or people upstairs banging on the floor? We'll never know.

This history lesson along with the guided tour is spooky, frightening, and adventurous.

The spirits of many soldiers, maids, cooks, and guards lurk at our next stop, Fort George.

Sarah Ann, a small girl of about six, prowls about at night in the bunkhouse.

The young girl took a liking to Kyle Upton, the tour guide, as he began his nightly routine in the fort.

Shocked, surprised, and scared are how you feel when you see the ghost.

The tour takes us down a dark and musty-smelling tunnel to a large wooden door. The room is full of the unknown. The only thing in there is a bat or two. It is not an original part of the fort but adds excitement to the tour.

The gift shop has plenty of action too — banging on the roof and faint cries coming from the basement. In 1812, that was the hospital for those who couldn't be helped any longer so were left to die with their buddies, in peace.

I look in a mirror, but that isn't me looking back. A woman haunts the mirror that hangs in the officers' quarters.

At the last stop a half an officer appears. What? The bastion in which the soldiers guarded the fort during the nights was built two feet too high.

Now all that remains of a soldier that froze to death is his upper body. Spooky.

Spirit in the Angel Inn

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

A British officer, Captain Swayze, haunts the Angel Inn, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, but he's not there not to create havoc.

Chairs have been propelled across the room, and often dishes rattle in the cupboards for no apparent reason or cause.

Swayze has never harmed anyone, although in the summer of 1987 a man was sitting in the tavern and a metal beer stein, hanging from the ceiling beams, flew across the room and struck a post beside the bar where he was standing. The beer stein dented a metal post, missing his head by inches.

Not many people have seen the spirit of Swayze, but a few cleaning ladies think they have been close to him.

The ladies were cleaning the ladies' bathroom when a figure with a red soldier's jacket walked by. They were not sure if the figure was a persen or if their eyes were playing tricks on them. The soldier didn't cause any trouble with the ladies and went on his way.

Legend has it that the spirit of Captain Swayze roams near the ladies' room of the Angel Inn. Fortunately, he has not propelled any more beer steins since the incident in 1987.

Haunted manor re-opened

By ANDREA FLINDALL
Staff Writer

Oil those chicken doors, here comes the Halloween crowd.

On Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1, the haunted house at Prudhomme's on the North Service Road in Vineland will be open to the brave.

This past summer, for the first time in five years, the frightening Prudhomme's Manor was re-opened for business.

The staff of eight is anticipating a large crowd for the 45-minute shows.

"It's going to be a great show," said Jen Behrend, a staff member. "It's not only very scary, it's interesting, fresh and New Age."

She said the house is "very classy with no gore, obscenities or mutations. It's top-class horror."

The $5 shows will start at sundown and continue until attendance declines.

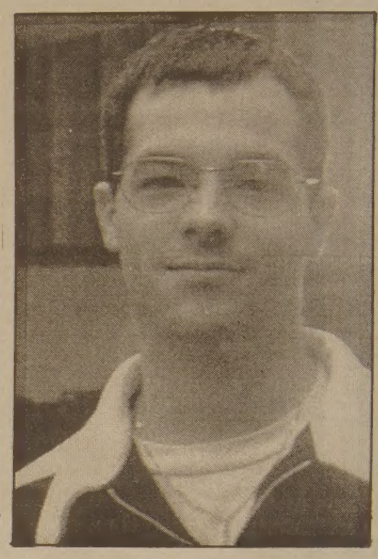
Word on Campus: What is your fondest memory of Halloween and why?

By SHARON WHALING and CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writers

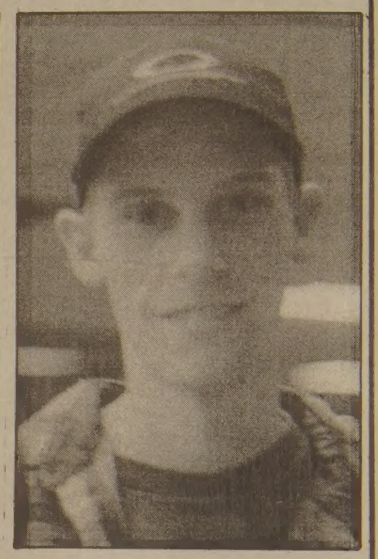
Preston Macdonald, 20, of Thorold, a second-year General Arts and Science program student, says, "Dressed up as a scarecrow, sitting on my front porch scaring the kids."

Stephannie Grignon, 18, of St. Catharines, a first-year Visual and Creative Arts Design program student, says, "When I went to camp, we went to a haunted house there and got scared to death there."

Lidon Barrett, 20, of Hamilton, a first-year Human Relations program student, says, "My ghost costume got ripped one year and it was kind of embarrassing."



Mark Bossert, 23, of Thorold, a second-year College Vocational program student, says, "Winning $4,000 at a local bar last year for a Gumby costume."



Matt Audet, 19, of St. Catharines, a second-year Computer Engineering program student, says, "Smashing pumpkins — that's my favorite memory of Halloween."

Cops beware

By MICHELLE ADEY
Staff Writer

The Niagara Regional Police (NRP) will be dressing in Halloween costumes on Oct. 31.

As little children make final preparations for costumes and Halloween parties, the NRP are taking seminars to assess each community's needs for Halloween this year.

Sergeant Mark Carter, an NRP public affairs officer, says it is important to educate the public about Halloween through "public awareness."

This year Halloween falls on a Friday night, so an increase in police presence is necessary, says Carter, adding each police division will decide what type of police presence will be needed in their community.

'. . .an increase in police presence is necessary.' — Sgt. Mark Carter

"The number of staff will be increased to ensure trick-or-treaters are looked after," he says. "There will also be an increase in police presence around bush parties."

One of the more common crimes committed on Halloween night is robberies — usually candy being taken from children.

The Niagara Region's crime rate has been on the decrease compared with 10 years ago when there was more damage and vandalism.

"Crime has been on a steady decrease," says Carter. "There are more parties indoors rather than outside. Organized Halloween parties cause a decrease," he adds.

"The maturity level of youth is on the rise, a fact which is reflected the decrease in crime," he says.

Don't let this feline cross your path. . .

Superstitious people look away. This angry black cat has his eyes on you.

Photo by Crystal Older

The photo on the front of our Halloween pull-out is of a tombstone in Lakeview Cemetery, on Townline Road East in Thorold.

Photo by Kevin McKee

Cash, charge or trick-or-treat?

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Trick-or-treaters unite!

Welland's Seaway Mall's management is holding a night of trick-or-treating for the fourth consecutive year.

Laurie Silvestri, 38, of Welland, is the mall's marketing administrator.

"We want to provide customer service. People with young children can see what we have while taking their children around," she said.

The mall had more than 300 children in costumes last year. The numbers have been climbing since 1994.

Participating stores will display a pumpkin sign in their windows, and sales representatives will dole out candies. The trick-or-treating runs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31.

"It's a community service to provide a safe environment for the children to trick-or-treat in," Silvestri said.

Witch's brew: Recipe for fun

By BARB GREGOR
Staff Writer

Jack sits on the porch with the spiders and scarecrows, waiting to greet all the ghastly creatures that will enter.

All the creatures in the house are scurrying about. Hungry little ghouls run about excitedly, getting into their ghostly garb. Teen ghouls prepare for the big monster bash down the street and the adults are having a bash of their own down in the dungeon.

The head witch runs between these groups checking that they have all they need and tending to the warts on her nose (don't want them too small.) With so much to do she can't waste much time tending to the witch's brew bubbling in the cauldron, so she tried this recipe for Eye of Newt Chili, that will soothe her savage beasts and get them on their way.

HALLOWEEN EYE OF NEWT CHILI
(SERVES 4)

1 lb. ground beef
1 large onion (chopped)
2 clove of garlic (crushed)
1 tbsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. cocoa
1/2 tsp. red pepper sauce
1 can whole tomatoes
1 can eye of newt (or kidney beans, if you must)

In a large saucepan, brown the beef, onion and garlic. Drain off excess fat and add everything else except the newts (beans). Let simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Add the beans and let simmer for another 20 minutes and serve.

ENTERTAINMENT

Black comedy a little unsettling

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

It was a night of black comedy.

The night included talk of sex, drugs and college life.

On Oct. 15, three comedians performed at the After Hours pub on the Welland campus.

Jean Paul, from Trinidad, started the show.

He talked about sex, drugs, East Indian food and college life. He talked to college students on their level. Most of the comedy was stuff the audience could relate to.

The most laughter came when he gave out the meaning of OSAP — "Oh shit, another party."

The second act was Mista Mo from Jamaica.

He talked about breast feeding, the Polka Dot Door and talk shows and claimed he was a "sex expert." His show kept the audience entertained, but seemed to lose a few along the way.

Kenny Robinson was the featured performer.

A heavy man with a loud voice, he started by giving Mike Tyson and O.J. Simpson jokes, which had students chuckling. Then he moved on to the topless issue and breastfeeding in public.

Robinson used mental visuals, and more groaning was heard instead of laughter. The topics included buggery, oral and anal sex and the jokes got graphic.

Parents having sex was also thrown into the act, and the audience was asked to visualize their parents "going at it." The audience seemed to feel embarrassment.

The show kept audience entertained but seemed to lose a few along the way.

Then came the comment that got many of the students turning in their seats.

Robinson talked about their parents having oral sex, and then asked the audience if they remember their mothers kissing them goodbye before school in the morning when they were younger.

Worms worth watching

By JONATHON NARVEY
Staff Writer

The Worms may be arrogant, but they put on a good show.

The Arrogant Worms are a musical comedy troupe from Kingston, Ont. The band played to a packed house in the Roselawn Complex in Port Colborne on Oct. 17.

Worm fanatics cheered Mike McCormick, Trevor Strong and Chris Patterson as they took the stage. The show began on a patriotic note, with an amusing new version of the Canadian national anthem, entitled *Canada's Really Big*.

Midway through the first set, loyal Worm-heads sung along and performed skillful choreography to *Rippy the Crocodile*. Raffi might not have approved of the song lyrics, but is was a good effort on the part of the Worms to reach the (psychotic) children's market.

After a brief intermission, the energetic trio performed *Malcolm* (as in, "Malcolm solves his problems with a chainsaw . . ."). *Tokyo Love Song* followed with Patterson singing about a tragic incident involving his girlfriend and Godzilla.

McCormick broke a guitar string halfway through the second song, allowing the trio to display some of their superior improvisation skills.

Strong played a befuddled Ringo Starr to Patterson's impression of Paul McCartney, buying time for McCormick to retune his entire guitar in lieu of an extra string.

The show resumed quickly enough, mixing a country-blues parody, *Carfull of Pain*, with humorous harmonies like *Big Fat Road Manager*. They finished the set with a well-received rendition of *The Last Saskatchewan Pirate*.

After a brief interlude, the band was brought back for an encore by the deafening chanting of the crowd. The Worms played two more songs before crawling away for their next sold-out concert.

Bean — two hours too much

By DAN DAKIN
Staff Writer

It's just too much of a good thing.

Bean, The Ultimate Disaster Movie, made its Canadian debut last Friday.

The movie is a spin-off of Mr. Bean, a popular British comedy starring Rowan Atkinson. While the half-hour television show is hilarious, two hours of Bean is just a little bit much.

The movie plot involves a $50-million painting being sold by an English art gallery to a ritzy army general (played by Burt Reynolds) in Los Angeles. Bean, an employee of the gallery, is sent to the U.S. to introduce the artwork. Of course, he gets into trouble at every turn, often at the expense of other people.

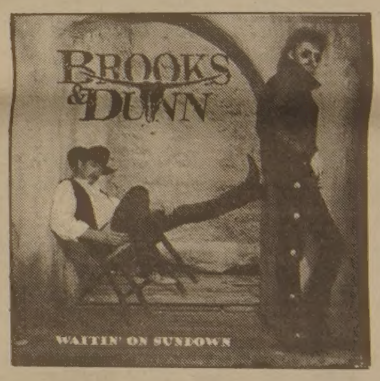
An interesting twist to the plot is that in the television series, Atkinson rarely speaks. It was up to the directors to work around that. In one scene in the movie where he actually does have a lengthy speech, Atkinson seems to lose his character.

In every country in which this movie has opened, it has held the number one spot. Here in Canada it will likely do the same.

When it opens later this fall in the U.S., where there is only a small Bean following, it probably won't do all that well.

Country concert may change your views

By TINEKE BRUINSMA
Staff Writer



She's gone country.

Recently I had the opportunity to experience a country music concert at Hamilton's Copps Coliseum. It was performed by the country duo of the year, Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn, and country music legend Reba McIntyre.

The music alone would have made this concert a hit, but with the addition of numerous special effects, the concert was awesome. These effects included a shroud that covered the stage and billowed up when the concert began. Thirty-foot tall blowup "Country Girls," flashing lights and large television screens had the audience mesmerized as they watched the performance.

The concert lasted for three hours without an intermission. Brooks and Dunn had the audience singing along and dancing to their upbeat tunes. The audience's interaction made the time fly by. The witty attitudes of the performers made the audience roar with laughter.

At one point Brooks and Dunn commented on each other's stage look.

"What does everyone think of Ronnie's pants?" inquired Dunn.

The audience laughed, knowing Ronnie's pants are always as tight as he can possibly find them.

Brooks' and Dunn's performance relied on a rush of adrenalin, while Reba's performance was much more emotional. Combine the two performances and the audience received the best concert money can buy.

Country music is shunned by most people I know but until you have experienced a live country music concert, you have not experienced country music.

I have been to quite a few concerts in several music genres. The country music concert was the best one I have attended.

Give country a chance. You never know. Maybe you will go country too.

Draw for Blind Date open to all

By ANDREW HALL
Staff Writer

Just a reminder that the Blind Date concert sponsored by Molson Breweries is almost here.

Additional information has been provided for those of you who have your hearts set on winning.

The show will be held Sunday Nov. 16 at Niagara College's After Hours at the Welland campus.

Here's how the concept works. A well known, but secret band, agrees to play, but allows only a limited number of audience members.

They are called "universal tickets" and can be obtained at After Hours by purchasing beer.

This contest is not limited, however, to just beer drinkers. Those with non-alcoholic tastes can still get tickets by buying pop or even the ever-popular water.

Once you have your universal tickets, make sure you fill them out and place them in the ballot box at After Hours.

A draw for 150 tickets will occur a week before the show on Sunday Nov. 9. Winners will receive a pair of full-color laminated passes to the Blind Date concert.

Halloween party set for Oct. 30 at college pub

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

It's that time of year for Niagara College students to dress up and prepare for a frightening good time.

The Halloween Pub will be held on Oct. 30 at After Hours.

Students can scrounge up a costume and dress up to battle for the title of best costume.

Prizes will be $100 for first place, $50 for second place and $25 for third place.

ENTERTAINMENT

Dylan compilation CD good

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

When it comes to putting together a greatest hits compilation for an artist with a career stretching back as far as Bob Dylan's does, good sound quality and smart song selection are the keys to success.

Sony Music's **The Best of Bob Dylan** has both.

Thanks to a process known as super bit mapping (SBM), Sony has managed to make Dylan's mumbled warbling understandable. This allows Dylan's strong suit, his lyrics, to shine through.

Varied song selection ensures this album contains something for all Dylan fans.

Nostalgic baby boomers and former 1960s radicals will be scrambling through their attics in a teary-eyed search for their lava lamps after listening to the Vietnam-era classics *Blowin' in the Wind* and *The Times They Are A-Changin'*.

Proper homage is paid to Dylan as the writer of some of the greatest songs in rock 'n' roll history —*Like a Rolling Stone, All Along the Watchtower* and *Knockin' on Heaven's Door*.

Finally, I was glad to find *Jokerman* included in the mix. With brilliant lyrics and an upbeat sound, it has long been one of my favorites.

Every rock 'n' roll fan from 15 to 55 will appreciate **The Best of Bob Dylan**.

Finally, new Oasis

New album called Be Here Now

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

A band has come out of the desert flying on the airwaves back into Canada and the U.S.

The British group Oasis has reappeared on the music scene with its new album **Be Here Now**.

D'You Know What I Mean? is the first release. The single has echoed vocals and an electric sound with lots of special effects paired with screechy guitar noise. If you've heard this song and like it then you'll love the album. The rest of the songs sound exactly the same.

There are a few good tracks such as *Don't Go Away* and *Stand By Me*.

This is an album for the true Oasis fan. I found this album doesn't compare to the last one. **What's the Story, Morning Glory?** was an album with a variety of songs exhibiting the Oasis trait but the tracks offered a variety of composition. Almost every one became a hit.

That will not be the same for **Be Here Now** which may not be here in another month.

Everything in this album

By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

Released late summer, Faith no More's **Album of the Year** offers a good blend of old and new as the band put a little bit of everything on this album.

The second single released, *Ashes to Ashes,* sounds like something from the album **The Real Thing** (1989), an album tagged as an early alternative innovator with the single *Epic*.

The first single released on **Album of the Year** was *Last Cup of Sorrow* and it sounds as if it belongs on **Angel Dust** (1992), Faith no More's third album.

Mouth to Mouth sounds as if it could be a part of the off-the-wall EP **Songs to Make Love To** (1993).

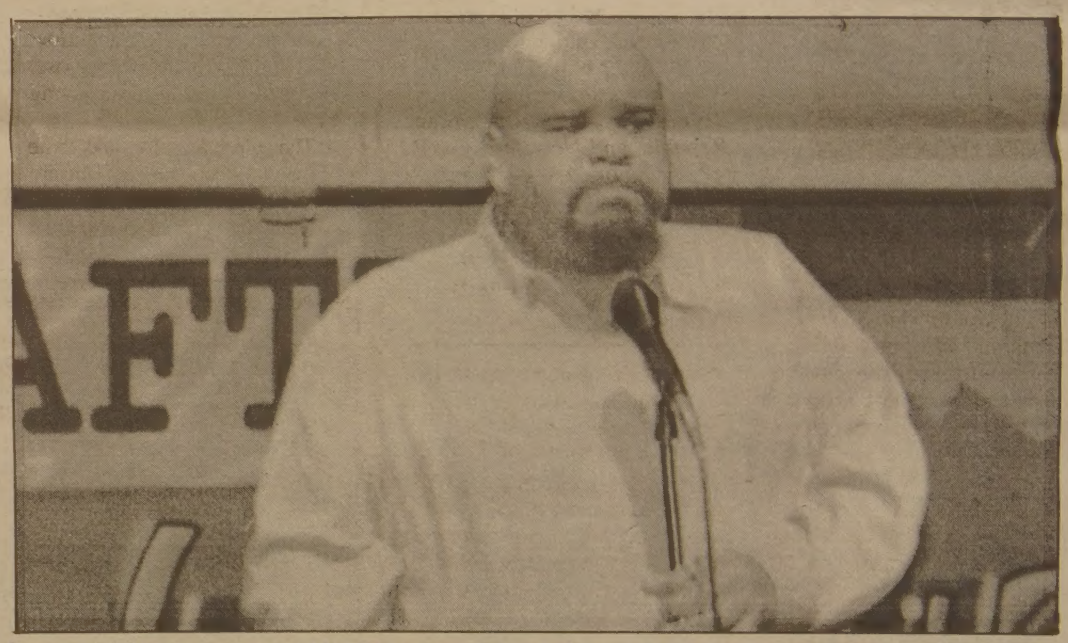
Got that Feeling must be left over from the band's 1995 LP **King for a Day, Fool for a Lifetime** because it has a twisted, yet entertaining, message. The second track on **Album of the Year,** called *Stripsearch,* has more of a new feel to it and could be the way the band sounds in the future.

Even in a quick-changing music industry, Faith no More can survive with an album release as good as this.

Faith no More consists of Mike Patton on vocals, Mike Bordin on drums, Roddy Bottum on keyboards, Billy Gould on bass, and a new member replacing Jim Martin on lead guitar, Jon Hudson.

Album of the Year offers a variety of musical pieces and is Faith no More's best record in some time.

Comedy, comedy and more comedy



It was a night of comedy at After Hours on Oct. 15. Kenny Robinson was the featured performer. See story Page 19.

Photo by Tracy Jay

Branaugh's Hamlet brilliant

By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

Take a ghost and a mad man, mix in a few murderers, adulterers, and a gal with suicidal tendencies and what do you have?

No, it isn't the lastest Wes Craven thriller. It is Kenneth Branaugh's adaptation of William Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Although it has been available on video for a while, it always seems to be rented, so there must Shakespeare lovers out there.

Branaugh's Hamlet is one everlasting feast for the eyes, ears, and heart.

The untimely death of his father and the even more untimely marriage of his mother to his father's brother sends Hamlet on a maddening journey to find the truth and set his father's spirit free.

"To sleep perchance to dream" foretells the story, and like a dream this amazing film dances about the senses.

Four hours seems but a slight moment in time as you get swept away by the whirlwind that is Hamlet.

Branaugh's portrayal of Hamlet is absolutely brilliant. So are the performances by such actors as Jack Lemmon, Robin Williams and Charlton Heston.

Billy Crystal's clever and witty portrayal of the comical gravedigger brings much-needed levity after so much sorrow.

Raggadeath mixes genres on CD

By MARK HRADSKY
Staff Writer

A world of reggae and heavy metal collide to make a new planet of intricate sound.

Raggadeath is a combination or personalities from around the globe.

Stephen Kendall, an English drummer, is the DJ for this unusual band, while Walter Sobczak is the keyboardist and bassist. These two makeup a large part of Raggadeath, both writing and producing the album.

Other major characters in the band include Michie Mee, the rhyme master, guitarist; Steve Major, Friendlyman of reggae fame; Whitey Don and his Jive grooves; Phatt Al, with a laid-back sort of style; Tallis from the hip-hop group Plains of Fascination; and Mikko, with an energetic voice.

Dance with the Devil is the new single from Raggadeath's TWA/Attic records recording "Raggadeath."

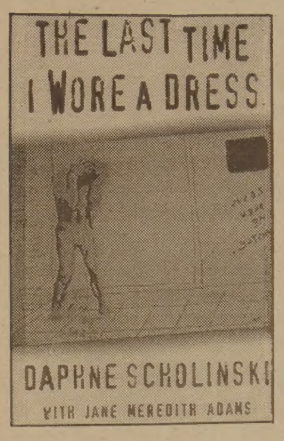
Dance with the Devil features Michie Mee and has an excellent video made by award-winning director George Vale of Our Lady Peace and Alice in Chains fame.

With a cornucopia of sounds, Raggadeath mixes two worlds into one in an audible explosion of sound.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK 1 HOUR

BETWEEN THE PAGES

Book paints chilling accounts of rape and abuse



By SARAH TAMMI
Staff Writer

Applying blue eye shadow and pink lip gloss, shampooing and curling hair, spending 15 minutes talking about "girly things" with a female peer, and hugging male staff members.

This, believe it or not, was psychiatric treatment in the early 1980s.

The Last Time I Wore A Dress, published by Riverhead Books, tells of the horrifying life of Daphne Scholinski, who told her story with the help of author Jane Meredith Adams.

It is the story of Scholinski's family history, childhood, and her adolescent years, which were spent completely in mental hospitals.

The book paints chilling accounts of physical abuse, depression and rape.

"The shame is that the effects of depression, sexual abuse, (and) violence: all treatable" were never dealt with, tells the book.

Her stay at each hospital was because of her inability to walk, talk and dress like a girl.

From a young age, Scholinski was a tomboy, which was perfectly fine with her.

She enjoyed wearing ripped jeans and playing Little League.

The nightmare began when she was diagnosed as having Gender Identity Disorder.

Adams has a great talent for telling Scholinski's frightening story in an almost humorous way.

Scholinski comes alive as she re-enacts her hospital life and the lives of her fellow friends and patients.

The Last Time I Wore A Dress is a beautifully written, dark tragedy you won't be able to put down and will remember always.

Scholinski is an artist and an activist who speaks at colleges and universities about the psychiatric abuse of gay and lesbian teenagers.

Opinions differ on this book

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Opinions differ.

That must explain why the accolades on a book's jacket don't match what's between the covers.

Drown, published by Riverhead Books, is a first novel by Junot Diaz. It is a collection of 10 short stories, each about 20 pages long.

Drown seemed more like 10 different things happening to one main character as one would expect in a novel.

Diaz is originally from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, but now lives in New York where he is working on a first novel.

Nine stories are written in the first person, and revolve around the narrator, Yunior, his parents and his older brother.

The tales are set in places as diverse as the Dominican Republic and New Jersey and tell of Yunior's family's migration.

The slang, written in Spanish, is easily understood.

Most disturbing is the lack of direct quotation marks around the dialogue.

The slang, written in Spanish, is easily understood.

The tales involve a man without a face, girlfriends, drugs and theft, but mainly are about Yunior's father's nine-year absence.

Spend your money on a good cup of coffee rather than this hardcover book.

Guilty As Sin a must read

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Guilty as Sin, a novel by Tami Hoag, was hypnotic and extremely unpredictable.

This book will keep the reader turning pages in anticipation.

Imagine, a kidnapper is loose. His prey is defenseless young boys.

The culprit brutally slays some of his victims. Those set free are forbidden to speak.

While a respected member of the community is in custody, another boy goes missing.

The kidnapper's opponent, Crown Attorney Ellen North, soon becomes his prey.

As North builds her case against the man in custody, believing he has an accomplice, she finds herself in a sick game of twisted wits.

This novel is a chilling and spellbinding read. It will hold you in suspense until the totally unpredictable end.

It is a must-read.

Books, Books, Books, Books, Books

The Canadian Federation of University Women's
Annual Book Sale
Saturday, Oct. 25 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Niagara College Cafeteria, Black Walnut Building
Welland Campus
Proceeds benefit university scholarships of $500 each awarded at each high school in the Niagara Region.

Book Drop-off at J. C. Bald School, Thorold Rd., Welland

Fall on Your Knees evokes epic novel

By CARRIE CHEHOWSKI
Staff Writer

Ann-Marie Macdonald's *Fall On Your Knees* is an epic novel of great proportions. Macdonald, a Canadian author, has written a literary piece so great, you won't believe it's fiction.

Fall On Your Knees is a story about one family's struggle to survive during the 1900s. The three Piper daughters — Kathleen, Mercedes and Frances — are the main focus of the novel. Each girl lives a different life but the bond of sisterhood remains strong.

The plot is constantly introducing new dilemmas for the Piper girls, such as bastard children, steamy love affairs, prostitution, incest and deaths in the family. These girls must deal with the past before they can look forward and move into the future.

Macdonald's writing is captivating. It easily pulls the reader into the plot. This is Macdonald's first novel and it is already a national best-seller.

Fall On Your Knees has received the Commonwealth Prize for Best First Fiction, the CAA Harlequin Literary Award for Fiction and the Dartmouth Award. It was also short-listed for the Giller Prize, the Trillium Award, the Chapters/Books in Canada First Novel Award and Britain's Orange Prize for Best Novel by a woman writer.

When do females become women?

By JENN WALKER
Staff Writer

Madonna: feminist or slut?

Naomi Wolf explores this question and many others in her newest book, *Promiscuities: The Secret Struggle for Womanhood.*

This 234-page book of sexual memoirs published by Random House is aimed at females of all ages.

She writes accurately of the fear that young girls have. Many girls tiptoe on the line between the line of being sexually active and being labelled a slut.

The label hurts women more than they may think. It prevents them from being sexually open and punishes them for being curious and interested in what they might choose.

From her first sexual experience to her wedding dress, she leads us through the issues of sexual violence, harrassment, female ideals, desire and erotic development.

Wolf also writes the sexual biographies of many of her childhood girlfriends, helping us to identify with the individual women and their stories.

She stresses the fact that women have the right to define and defend their sexuality whether they are "good girls" or "bad girls."

When do females become women?

It's a question she examines in great detail in an attempt to find the answer. Each answer will be different because it is found within each woman.

This is Wolf's third book. It has been on the bestseller list and was recommended by television talk-show host Montel Williams.

Her first book, ***The Beauty Myth***, is one of the 70 most significant books of the century.

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A grizzly defeat

By KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's rugby team is still looking for a win.

The team played its first tournament Oct. 18 and 19 at Wilson Fields in Lindsay, Ont.

Six college teams competed throughout the weekend. Niagara College Knights, Georgian College Grizzlies, Sir Sandford Fleming (SSF) Auks from their Lindsay campus, SSF's team from their Peterborough campus, and teams from Lambton College and Sheridan College.

The Niagara Knights played their first game of the two-day tournament against the Georgian Grizzlies. Although close, the Grizzlies won the game 15-10.

Steve McIntyre, 20, of Welland, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, plays the position of the team's hooker. "We don't make many mistakes," he said, "but the mistakes we do make cost us."

The Knights played their second game of the tournament against SSF's Auks from the college's Lindsay campus. Despite a growing effort by the Knights, the game was lost 36-11.

Wes McLachin,19, of Fonthill, a second-year Computer Engineering Technology program student, said, "I think the rookies are starting to get the hang of the game." He said those who are getting their first taste of the game are "starting to understand more what they are doing out there."

Following the first game of the tournament, Niagara accompanied other teams to the Winchester Arms in Lindsay for a banquet.

The finals for the tournament were held Oct. 19. The Georgian Grizzlies played the SSF's team from their Peterborough campus. The Grizzlies won the finals.

The Niagara Knights men's rugby team plays its next tournament on Oct. 25 in Barrie. At that tournament the Knights will be playing many of the same teams.

The Knights are very optimistic about an upcoming game in Barrie.

"I think we can win a couple of games" said Morgan Gerbrandt, 26, of Niagara Falls. Gerbrandt, a first-year Health Science Preparatory program student said, "We weren't that far off. We didn't get blown out of the water."

Rugby veteran looks forward to second season

BY KERRI WOOD
Staff Writer

"It feels good to put points against a university varsity team," says Rob Klunder, 21, of Niagara Falls. He scored both of Niagara College's field goals in their loss to the Brock University Badgers on Oct. 8.

Klunder, who plays the position of flanker for the Niagara Knights men's rugby team has been playing rugby for seven years.

He played for his high school team Sacred Heart in Walkerton, Ont., for five years. During his Grade 12 year he joined the Kincardine Barbarians. He has played for Kincardine Barbarians club team in Kincardine, Ont., for four years.

Klunder is a first-year Culinary Skills program student at Niagara College's Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls.

Klunder said he feels optimistic the college's rugby team will be successful in its return next year.

"Yeah, we will have a rugby team next year, of course we will."

The team's next tournament is Oct. 25 in Barrie, Ont.

Stretching out the play

Niagara Knights rugby team players jump for the ball during a game against the Georgian College Grizzlies at a tournament in Lindsay, Ont. last weekend.

Photo by Kerri Wood

Bringing home the bronze

(Continued from page 1)

The final points in the game came on a five-yard pass to Brian Wilcock for a second Viking touchdown. The one-point conversion was good to make the final score 13-6 for the Vikings.

"We played a good team and they deserved to win," said Niagara's coach Randy Conlon, adding that penalties hurt the team. "We've got to learn to shut up and play."

The Viking win meant they would move on to the championship game against Mohawk. Niagara would face off against St. Lawrence College's second team, the Schooners, for third place.

During the championship tournament's consolation final, Niagara hung onto the ball for much of the first quarter.

In their lengthy first series, Niagara passed to five first downs. A short pass to Andrew Rivers in the end zone gave the Knights their first touchdown of the game. A one-point conversion pass to Vince Bagnulo was good making the score 7-0. Both Bagnulo and Rivers were named All-Stars at the tournament banquet.

Near the end of the half, the Niagara quarterback through a pass into the hands of Schooner defender Albert Chan for the game's first interception.

On the first possession of the second half, Niagara moved the ball to inside the 10-yard line. A pass to Arek Lewczak for a touchdown made the score 13-0 for the Knights. They went for the conversion and after leaping over two defenders, Ivey ran into the end zone for another two points.

'We played a good team they deserved to win,' — Randy Conlon

Schooners' poor play resulted in a 28-0 final giving Niagara the bronze medal.

"The mobility of their quarterback made it tough for us to contain him," said Schooner coach Steve Duffy. "We had a lot of tired guys."

What's next for the Knights

By DAVE BARNHARDT
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights will be busy over the next two weeks.

Niagara's men's basketball team has a heavy schedule with games Oct. 25, 26 and 27 at St. Lawrence College, Oct. 29 at the University of Guelph, Nov. 1 and 2 at Erie Community College, outside of Buffalo, N.Y. and Nov. 5 at D'Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y.

The women's basketball team heads to Erie Community College Nov. 1 and 2 and D'Youville College on Nov. 5.

The men's volleyball team will travel to the Michigan State Invitational on Nov. 1 and 2 and play at Seneca College on Nov. 6.

Niagara's women's volleyball team hits the road to Genesee Community College in Batavia, N.Y., for a game on Oct. 29.

Contact ext. 7583 for ticket and game information for upcoming Knights' games.

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Air Olympics fly

A competitor runs through the Velcro obstacle course at the Air Olympics at Niagara College'sWelland campus on Sept. 30.
Photo by Dave Barnhardt

By IAN ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Dressed in Velcro overalls and diving from a 10-foot Velcro-covered wall wasn't exactly an educational event, but it did create a good team atmosphere.

Competing in six air-filled events is not for the weak of heart. If you had the initiative and were able to work well on a team, you could have competed in the recent Air Olympics.

The Air Olympics, held on September 30 and October 2 was an activity sponsored by Niagara College's Student Administrative Council. Any student who could get five of his or her bravest friends to form a team could compete in the events held over a two-day period.

In the frigid weather, dressed in nothing more than T-shirts and thin nylon pants without shoes or socks, competitors climbed 28-foot walls, battled opponents with six-foot padded poles and ran with 50-foot bungee cords attached to their backs.

It didn't matter if the competitors were athletic or co-ordinated or if their teams could muster enough talent to look as if they knew what they were doing. They competed and had fun doing it.

Even with a poor student turnout, the events were fun and they sometimes proved to be interesting as the competitve nature of some teams came to light. Competitors showed fear, anger and happiness thoughout the event.

The teams that were able to work well together shone.

Volleyball season opens Nov. 6

By MARK RIEHL
Staff Writer

It has been a disappointing preseason to set the tone for a new men's volleyball season.

The Niagara College men's team was scheduled to host a tournament Oct. 24 to 26 but it has been cancelled, shortening the team's preseason action.

"We couldn't find another team that was half decent to enter," said Niagara coach Blaire Cudmore.

The team travelled to Maisonneuve College in Montreal to play a tournament on Oct. 11.

"I thought the tournament was a pretty big eye-opener for the guys on the team," said Stacey Kay, 21, a veteran playing in his third season.

"They weren't expecting the calibre of play that we did see down there. There are a lot of scrappy teams in Quebec and very good teams."

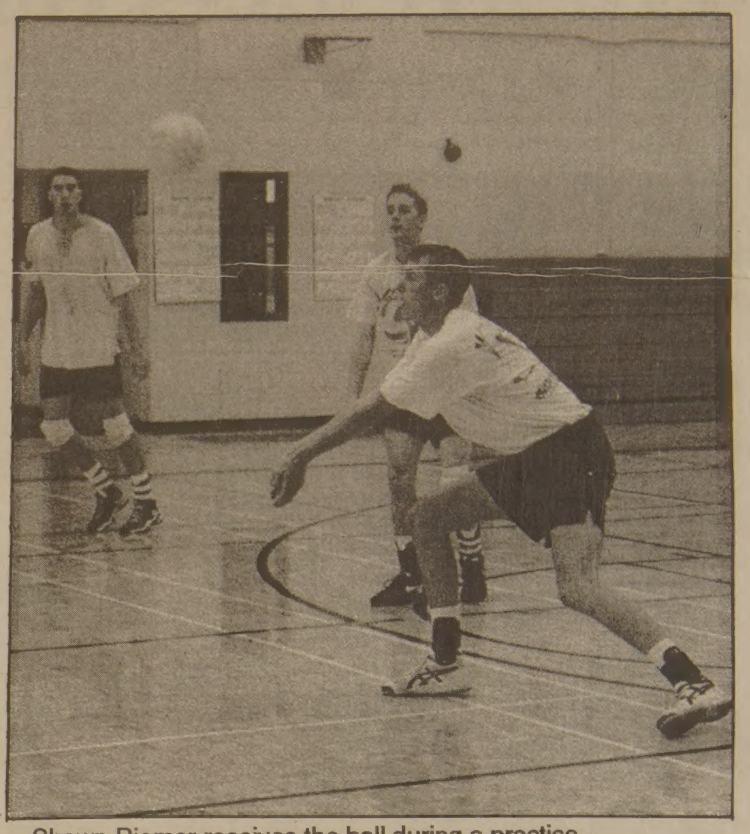
The team won two games and lost two, a record which wasn't enough for them to get out of their pool and into the playoff round.

"The team we needed to beat ended up winning the tournament," said Cudmore. "It was disappointing, but considering how we are progressing with the players we have, it was reasonable."

"I thought we played pretty good, we still have a lot of things to work on and we're finally starting to come together as a team," said Corey Mckeown, a 20-year-old rookie. "A little bit more work in practice and we should get where we want to go, which is winning a championship."

"There is no point in looking back and worrying about our losses. We have to worry about what's coming ahead," said Paul Clark, the 22-year-old team co-captain.

Niagara's first season game is Nov. 6 against Seneca College at North York.



Shawn Riemer receives the ball during a practice.
Photo by Mark Riehl

That ball's smoking!

Andrea Flindall drains the shot during a women's basketball practice. The team placed third at a tournament during Oct. 17-18 at Georgian College in Barrie.
Photo by Mark Riehl

Marino seeks Super Bowl

By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

A little older and a little wiser, Dan Marino simply plays with a little more pain and the knowledge the years keep creeping by.

The holder of numerous National Football League (NFL) records — 48 touchdown passes in one season (1984), single season passing yardage (5,084 in 1984), 11 seasons with more than 3,000 passing yards and the only quarterback in NFL history with five 4,000-yard seasons.

Records will continue to fall, but what Marino really wants is a Super Bowl ring.

Although Marino's ultimate goal still is winning the Super Bowl, the beginning of this season has brought on an unfamiliar challege for Marino. He has had the lowest passing stats in his 15-year career, so there has been talk of benching Marino in favor of a backup.

In typical Marino fashion, he's got in game back to where it was — helping Miami win football games.

Even at 36, nobody should be doubting Marino. He continues to beat teams with his head, his arm, his savvy and his excellent sense of the game.

All Marino wants is another chance to win an NFL title. That much he deserves.

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Pro wrestlers rumble in Niagara Falls

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

A battle of the elements raged at the Niagara Falls Memorial Arena Oct. 18 as professional wrestling stars Avalanche and Typhoon squared off in a match of titanic proportions.

The former World Wrestling Federation (WWF) superstars headlined a card put together by a fledgling local promotion group known simply as WOLF (Wrestling's Only Legit Federation).

The show began in the locker room area before the wrestlers hit the ring, with each behemoth ranting and raving about how he was planning to destroy the other.

Avalanche, the smaller of the two at a mere 495 pounds, promised his opponent would "feel the Avalanche splash crush his ribs in."

Hearing of this, Typhoon unleashed a storm of deafening threats directed at Avalanche and a certain reporter that ended with this: "You'll be reading about Avalanche in the obituaries tomorrow."

Because of the sheer bulk of the competitors, the legendary Paul Bunyan, a seven-foot five-inch giant weighing 425 pounds, was asked to be the special guest referee and he quickly established order.

Eventually, Avalanche and Typhoon surprised the crowd of about 850 people by teaming up to attack Bunyan. As a result, both were disqualified.

In a tag-team match, the Power Crew of Marty Jannetty and Pete Rock fell victim to the sneaky team of Pat Tanaka and Kwan Chang when Chang hit Rock with a piece of bamboo rod while the referee had his back to the action.

In other bouts, a masked man known only as The Gator forced the evil Ravage to submit using a hold called the "scorpion death lock" and Irish O'Malley knocked out "The All-American" Mike Winner.

WOLF is one of two independent wrestling promotion groups that have sprung up in southern Ontario this year.

The other, the Renegade Wrestling Alliance (RWA) is staging a card featuring King Kong Bundy at the Burlington Crown Centre on Sunday, Oct. 26.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for $6 and bell time will be 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Burlington Crown Centre at (905) 639-5065.

The stars of Wrestling's Only Legit Federation were in action at the Niagara Falls Memorial Arena, Oct. 18. Above, boxer-turned-wrestler Irish O'Malley puts a side headlock on "The All-American" Mike Winner. Right, Steve Hart attempts to force a submission from The Wild Cat using the dreaded "camel clutch." Bottom right, the evil Kwan Chang applies a sleeper hold to former World Wrestling Federation superstar Marty Jannetty.

All photos by Kevin Harding

Music grad gets between grapplers

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

With all the loud wrestlers in even louder costumes running around the Niagara Falls Memorial Gardens on Oct. 18, most people probably ignored the one man who spent more time in the ring than any of them.

Referee Stephen Hitchcock, 23, is an integral part of what he calls "the male soap opera" of professional wrestling.

Born in England and raised in Canada from the age of 10, Hitchcock began his unusual job about two years ago after trying hard to break into the exclusive world of professional wrestling.

"You have to know people to get into this thing," said Hitchcock with just a trace of an accent.

Once accepted, Hitchcock had to learn how to fall without hurting himself, just as a wrestler would.

"I get pushed around a little, but not much," said Hitchcock, before adding with a grin, "You have to make it look good."

Making it look good is what being a wrestling referee is all about and Hitchcock admitted that it is not easy.

Referee Stephen Hitchcock, 23, lays down the law in the ring.

Photo by Kevin Harding

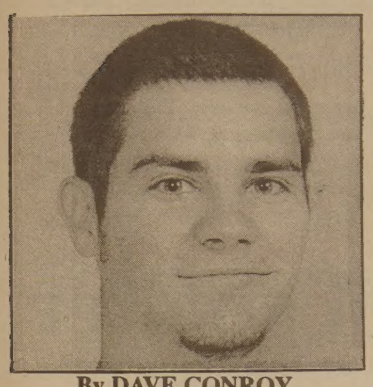
"The hardest thing to do is the tag matches," sighed Hitchcock, "There's cheating going on in one corner and you're not supposed to see it."

Hitchcock's "real" job stands in stark contrast to his wrestling career. He just recently completed a degree in music at the University Guelph with a major in piano, and works with the choir at Queensway Cathedral in Toronto.

There is little glory in being a professional wrestling referee. Hitchcock arrives almost two hours before the wrestlers and methodically examines all the ropes and turnbuckles of the ring. His every move is then booed by a crowd that otherwise would have no opinion of him at all. You get the impression, however, that Hitchcock wouldn't trade his job for anything.

"It's just a lot of fun," he says.

New York fans happy to show their faces



By DAVE CONROY
Staff Writer

Rotten football in the Big Apple has turned sweet.

Last year the New York Jets and New York Giants had a combined record of 7-25, which had some New York Football fans so ashamed they wore paper bags on their heads at the New Jersey Meadowlands masking their identity.

This year New York football fans have taken the bags off and are doing the wave.

Under new head coach Bill Parcells, the Jets look rejuvenated. The Jets have five wins and three losses and on track to make the playoffs for the first time since 1991.

It took Parcells just four years to win the first of two Super Bowls with the Giants. After inheriting a New England team that went 2-14 in 1992, he had the Patriots in the Super Bowl four years later.

Optimistic Jets fans may even be making reservations for Super Bowl XXXV in Tampa in January 2001.

On the other side of the ball, the New York Giants, in the first game of the season made a statement with a 31-17 route of an above average Philadelphia Eagles.

The Giants have five wins and three losses and in good shape because of key division victories over Philadelphia, Dallas and Arizona.

Actually, the Giants have drafted good talent over the last few years and have a good defensive foundation in end Michael Strahan, linebacker Jesse Armstead, and cornerbacks Jason Sehorn and Phillippi Sparks.

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If the offense can get on track and stay healthy, Giant fans may be looking at a winning season for the first time in two years.

This season the Jets and Giants have a combined record of 10 wins and six losses. Give one team that record come playoff time, and they're in. New York football fans are having their most enjoyable season since 1990, when the Giants took it all.

In the next couple of years, if things continue this way, a New York Giants-Jets Super Bowl dream may become a reality.

Big surprises, huge disappointments in NFL

By A.J. JEFFREY
Staff Writer

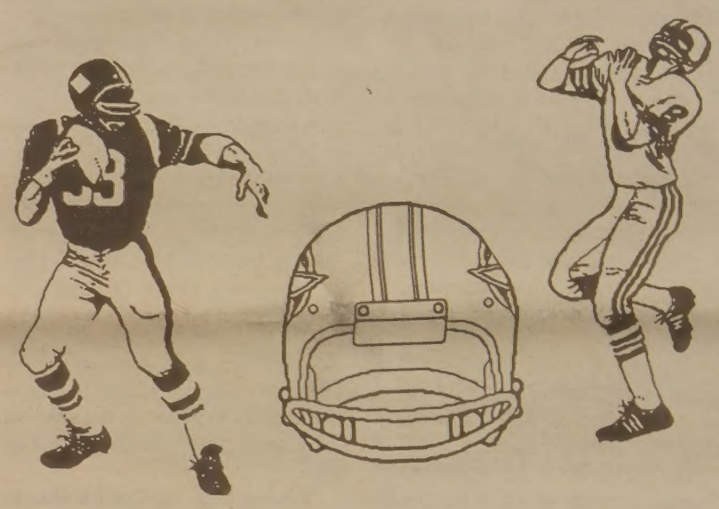
We are only seven weeks into the National Football Leauge (NFL) season, but already there has been some big surprises and huge disappointments.

The biggest surprise has to be the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Led by quarterback Trent Dilfer and running back Warrick Dunn, last year's "Yuk-aneers" are tied for first place in the National Football Conference Central Division.

Another big surprise is the New York Jets, who have already won five games, which is four more than they won all of last year.

Other surprise teams include the New York Giants (5-3) and the Jacksonville Jaguars (5-2).

The main disappointment so far is the Dallas Cowboys. With a record of 4-3, the Cowboys have not looked good. Emmitt Smith has only scored one rushing touchdown. Also looking bad are the 2-6 New Orleans Saints, or should we call them the "Aints." So far this wretched franchise has yet to turn it around under new head coach Mike Ditka.



Other stumbling teams include Carolina (3-4), Oakland (3-4) and the Philadelphia Eagles at 3-4. All three were expected to be playoff contenders.

My congratulations to the (6-1) Denver Broncos and the San Francisco 49ers who are also (6-1).

My deepest sympathy to the winless Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts' fans, good luck next year.

Every Niagara News issue, the sports department will pick winners for two Sunday football games as well as for the Monday Night game. The writers' season right/wrong record will also be published.	*The Niagara News' football follies*				
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Craft sale raises $25,000 for Women's Place

By JEANNIE ORBAN
Staff Writer

With a goal of $25,000 Women's Place held its 11th annual arts and crafts show and sale Oct. 18 and Oct. 19. at Centennial Secondary School. About 200 crafts dealers and artisans participated in the two-day event.

Fund-raising activities included draws, bake sales, food sales, admission and craft table fees.

"It was a combined effort (by) a wonderful group of hardworking people, all volunteers," says Rosemary McKnight, a board member for the past 11 years. Among those assisting at the event were students in Niagara College's Law and Security Administration program and Bellerephon Sea Cadets.

Adele Tanguay, executive director, says, "We operate a shelter for abused women and their children. We operate one in Welland and one in Niagara Falls. The proceeds of this show help with the services in Welland."

Tanguay says although the shelters are experiencing record occupancy levels, some of the funding has been cut.

She points to a 20 per cent increase in occupancy with about 100 to 125 women and 110 to 125 children housed in the past year. All of the services provided are free and confidential.

"We get calls from women of all ages who need our help, including students from Niagara College," says Tanguay.

"The number is 788-0113. That's our crisis line, open 24 hours a day. We get about 1,500 crisis calls a year in Welland. Niagara Falls will get at least the same (number)."

Demand for refuge forces expansion of shelter

By KATHLEEN McARTHUR
Staff Writer

A safe place to give the wounded time to think, time to cry and time to regain confidence is enlarging to help even more.

Thirty years ago the issue of spousal abuse was a topic not talked about. It was the woman's duty to keep the home a happy place. A woman was told to "be a better wife, anticipate your husband's every need, fulfil it."

The woman would deny any wrongdoing and make excuses for the abuse.

Love didn't keep relationships together. Fear often did.

Women's Place in St. Catharines has been helping women and their children escape domestic violence at the hands of a father or a spouse.

Abused women are often asked, "Why don't you leave?" However, the real question should be "Why doesn't he just stop?"

"We offer assistance to the women in finding housing (and) further counselling for the family," said Gillian Dooley, director of the women's shelter. She has been with the centre for 17 years.

"We help with moral support in filing papers, seeking legal-aid and court appearances if needed."

At the first crisis call, the staff of the shelter offer reassurance and a safe and confidential place to go to until decisions can be made regarding the next step to take on the road to freedom.

Counsellors receive extra training in abuse issues and are on call at all times because victims can and do walk in at all hours of the day and night.

The survivors talk about the options available to them. They share a common bond, knowing they are no longer alone.

The shelter offers informal group therapy sessions in which residents sit together and share their stories. They offer suggestions and at times a shoulder to cry on.

The estimated cost of violence against women in 1996 — in the policy areas of social services, health and medical services, labor and employment and in the criminal justice system — was more than $4.2 billion dollars a year. However, funding is being cut.

A former resident at the shelter says the cuts have resulted in the loss of the shelter's support staff.

Volunteers and students from the Niagara College Social Service Worker program have helped with the declining numbers in shelter staff.

The cuts in social spending and the instilled fear by the abuser have forced women to remain in and in some cases to return to the abusive relationship, the former resident says.

"Living with the known fear is better than living with the unknown," she says. "Not knowing whether or not you will be able to house and feed your children, at times you feel that you have no choice but to stay."

A present resident of the shelter says "giving in was so much easier."

"It was quiet for a few days and then it triggered and I left," the former resident says. "It was finally over. The shelter helped me with the reassurance that I did right for everyone involved in the unhealthy relationship."

The shelter helps residents with clothes and furnishings when they are ready to leave. A former resident says the shelter offers "family outings for group rate prices, Christmas baskets, and there is always someone to talk to when you need to, even after you leave the shelter."

"The trained child-youth staff offer a reprieve during the day with crafts and a day-care environment," the current resident says.

"Advice in disciplinary methods helps break the cycle of violence that they have been pulled into," she adds.

The shelter has rules that forbid any form of abusive behavior, which includes emotional, verbal, mental as well as physical abuse.

Ann (she asked her last name not be published) has been with the shelter for 11 years. She has a diploma from Niagara College's Social Service Worker program.

"The shelter helps women by not controlling them, but empowering them with self-confidence and knowledge," says Ann. "The more you know, the more power you have. With more power, you have more control over life and situations."

This year marks 20 years of the shelter helping women. To celebrate, the shelter is building an addition to the front of the house by adding 3,000 square feet to the building. The shelter now has eight rooms with three beds in them. Dividing the rooms will offer six rooms for women with no children, and six rooms with three beds.

A meeting room, which the shelter does not now have, will also double as a room for formal group therapy sessions. The entrance will be equipeed with video cameras to ensure the residents security.

The shelter will host a dinner on Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Great Hall at Ridley College in St. Catharines to thank the supporters of the shelter. Guest speaker will be Margaret McCain of New Brunswick, former chancellor of Mount Allison University, and a former Lt.-Governor of New Brunswick.

Tickets for the dinner cost $35. For more information, call 684-8332.

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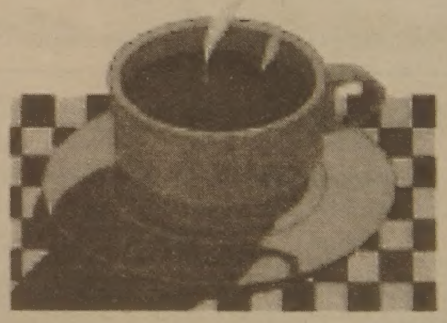

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Adult students get valuable training at Niagara

By ALEX HALMAI
Staff Writer

Students may find themselves working their way back to college — this time with choices.

As the federal government realizes the widening reach of unemployment, it has shifted opportunities for unemployed workers choosing to re-enter college.

Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) sponsors a return to college for unemployed adults eligible for or already receiving unemployment insurance payments.

In the past, the federal government and Niagara College would enter into a contract involving the purchase of a block of seats, known as seat purchasing, in specific programs.

Schooling would be provided for unemployed workers in pre-determined areas with the focus on short-term, concentrated training.

Although seat purchasing still exists to a minimal degree, the shift in the government's approach to re-educating unemployed workers now leans towards a broader spectrum of programs eligible for sponsorship, with the emphasis on individual career planning.

"The government has left it up to the student to decide what they want to study — what career they want to pursue," said Al Vaughan, college registrar.

The major criteria for sponsorship involve the student studying in a field federal government statistics show as having an increase in job openings.

"It would be pointless to train people to be unemployed again," said Vaughan.

The government has also recognized that short-term training may not cover all unemployed workers' needs.

"Many need to go through the entire program and receive their diploma to get back into the workforce at a suitable income level," said Vaughan.

Sponsored workers returning to college receive no preferential treatment in terms of prerequisites for enrolment. They must successfully complete the standard mature student tests if they did not finish high school.

"It wouldn't be fair to everyone else — or to them — to bring a student into a program where they have little chance to succeed," said Vaughan.

The trend of unemployed adults coming back to retrain will continue.

"College will be much more accesssible and important to adult students because they may need to change careers several times in their working lifetimes," said Vaughan.

Students reunite to discuss program needs, work trends

By KATHLEEN McARTHUR
Staff Writer

Students from the college's past have met to create a program for the future.

Former students from seven classes of the Women into Trades and Technology program reunited on Oct. 16 at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls.

They met to discuss the "new trends in the workforce" and the future of the federally-funded program.

The program has been primarily funded by Human Resources and Development Canada (HRDC) since its first class in 1994. The program was designed to introduce women into various aspects of the skilled labor force.

Some of the students went on to further education after their introduction to the program.

Melanie Girard-Bush, a graduate of the first class, said, "I went on to Mohawk to take a tool and die program."

She is employed at Eaton Engineer Fasteners as a Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) machinist apprentice.

Pat Sapielak, a graduate of the April to October 1995 program, has taken two related courses at Niagara since graduating from the program. She took the 40-week CNC program and a tool and die program in the machine shop at the college's Wellandvale campus in St. Catharines. She is employed as a machine operator in inspection.

Suggestions as to improving the program include expanding the program and establishing a co-op placement element.

The expansion would be of benefit to students and employers.

"It seemed that as soon as we started one course we were off to another," said one of the students.

Inviting prospective employers to be guest speakers would enable them to "see students in action," the student added.

Inviting them to an open house at the end of the program would show employers that the women were "serious about the program," she said.

'. . . as soon as we started one course we were off to another.' — says student

The addition of new courses to the program could include plumbing, masonry and small appliance repair, all of which would open the doors to new employment opportunities.

A presentation of a basket of plants was made to Vicky Guertin, program officer for the HRDC, for her longtime support of the program. The presentation was made by Bea Clark, director of the Ventures and Sue Kyle, program co-ordinator.

Sue Kyle, program co-ordinator (left), with Vicky Guertin, program officer for HRDC, with Bea Clark, director of the Ventures division, at the Maid of the Mist Centre.

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Timelines: Market crash initiates Great Depression

By KEVIN HARDING
Staff Writer

• On this day in 1900, the United States government announced plans to purchase the Danish West Indies for $7 million. The deal would take the next 17 years to complete and cost the U.S. about $25 million. The acquisition was considered important to the American defence of the Panama Canal.

• On this day in 1901, Anna Edson Taylor, 43, passed safely over Niagara Falls in a barrel. Suffering only from shock and a few minor cuts, she was asked by reporters what her experience was like. She said simply, "Don't try it."

• On this day in 1922, prohibition was in full force and several British sea captains were caught in New York harbor with brandy onboard their vessels. They defended themselves by insisting that the laws of the United Kingdom made it compulsory to keep five quarts of the liquor on board for medicinal purposes.

• On this day in 1929, rumors, speculation and panic led to the worst stock market crash in U.S. history. More than 13 million shares were sold at a fraction of their former values, resulting in losses of billions of dollars. At least 11 speculators committed suicide on what will be known forever as "Black Thursday." The following "Great Depression" would last until the Second World War.

• On this day in 1931, Chicago Gangster "Scarface" Al Capone was sentenced to 11 years in prison for income tax evasion. Capone was also fined $50,000, ordered to cover all prosecution costs and made to pay $137,328 in back taxes. This was the stiffest sentence for tax evasion in U.S. history. Ironically, Capone was never conclusively connected to any other crime, including the infamous "St. Valentine's Day Massacre."

• On this day in 1940, the U.S. government enacted the Fair Labor Standards Act, making the 40-hour work week the law of the land. It was made official just over three months later when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled it constitutional.

• On this day in 1952, General Dwight D. Eisenhower made his famous "I will go to Korea" speech while campaigning for the presidency in Detroit. He stated that a personal trip to Korea would be the only way for him to find an early and honorable end to the war.

• On this day in 1957, fashion designer Christian Dior died in Italy at the age of 52. Dior was awarded the Legion of Honor by the government of France for single-handedly reviving the French fashion industry.

• On this day in 1971, Charles Hughes of the Detroit Lions became the first football player to die during a professional football game. In the closing minutes of a game against the Chicago Bears, Hughes ran hard to catch a pass. Three plays later, he collapsed while walking towards the huddle. An autopsy revealed that the cause of death was a massive heart attack.

Copyright laws not always clear

By KAREN GELLATLY
Staff Writer

Laws govern everything we do, including what we borrow from the library.

Copyright laws have been in effect for almost as long as books have been published. Copyright refers to the ownership of published material, and to the rights to copying this material.

Niagara College's Learning Resource Centre (LRC) uses the Canadian Reprographics Collective (CanCopy) for most of its materials.

CanCopy has existed since 1989. It is responsible for signing licenses and giving permission to copy and to distribute materials.

"We, as a college, have signed with CanCopy to permit copying and distribution of materials within certain limits," said Trish Labonte, LRC manager. "We pay $2.50 a student for that right."

In the past, professors had to contact the copyright holder directly for permission to use the material. With CanCopy, payments are distributed to the holders wherever they reside.

"The owners should be acknowledged," said Labonte. "They have no other way to gain income. It's all about acknowledging and paying for the creative work that has been done."

For video-based materials, there is no similar body.

"If we want to use materials in a classroom, we have to buy those materials with a special right called a public performance right," said Labonte.

The LRC always buys videotapes with that right, but this arrangement wasn't always the case. "Now the challenge for us is to go back to all of those producers and get that right," she said.

With the Internet, copyright is not easily determined.

"The tricky thing about the Internet is that it is so mobile. It could be there one day and not the next, but we still have an obligation to acknowledge the ownership of material," said Labonte.

Hurry kids! Bug season's almost over

Adam McArthur spends a day with his friend at Woodend Conservation Centre looking for insects during an environmental studies field trip.

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Fire safety starts at kindergarten level

Fire safety week at St. Kevin

By CHER CIRILLO
Staff Writer

A child asked if he could call 9-1-1 if he was stuck behind a couch.

This is just one of the reasons why it is important to prepare children and make them aware of the importance of fire safety.

On Oct. 9, firefighters Peter Voynovich and Rudy Muldown demonstrated and stressed the importance of fire safety to the junior and senior kindergarten classes of St. Kevin School in Welland.

Tina Rossi, an Early Childhood Education program student, and Scott Schottens, an Educational Resources and Special Needs program student at Niagara College, helped prepare the students and teach them important fire safety rules. Rossi and Schottens are taking their co-op at St. Kevin.

The firefighters stressed the importance of smoke detectors in the home, what to do and who to call in case of a fire.

The students were eager to answer questions and demonstrate what they have learned over the past week.

One student showed the class how to do the stop-drop-roll procedure if they were to catch on fire.

The youngsters were taken outside to see the different types of equipment on the fire truck and the equipment the firefighters wore.

The children watched quietly as the firefighter came out from behind the truck in full uniform. Some of the youngsters said he sounded like Darth Vader.

Alex, a junior kindergarten student, was able to experience what it was like to wear the outfit. He dressed in the coat, mask and oxygen tank.

A student takes part in a demonstration with the help of firefighters Peter Voynovich and Rudy Muldown. At left, Niagara College co-op students Tina Rossi and Scott Schottens sit inside a fire truck with students from St. Kevin School.

Photos by Cher Cirillo

Aboriginal program growing

By BRADEN TANGUAY
Staff Writer

Maintaining aboriginal culture is a commitment Niagara College officials are taking seriously.

The Aboriginal Education Access Office (AEAO) at Niagara was opened in 1992 with the commitment of developing new and better ways to meet the growing needs of aboriginal students and to develop a strong partnership with the aboriginal community.

The partnership between Niagara College and the area aboriginal communities established the Aboriginal Education Management Circle (AEMC). The goal of the AEMC is to ensure all educational needs of aboriginal peoples are met, thereby ensuring the sovereignty of the First Nations Peoples.

The management circle is moving an existing service outward and implementing the values of Niagara College while fulfilling its mandate of ensuring aboriginal culture.

The AEAO includes services and programs available to any student interested in learning more about aboriginal culture and heritage.

Services available at AEAO include a computer lab, a library of aboriginal materials, support services, workshops and the continual development of new programs and services.

"Given the diversity of aboriginal people, we want to ensure students from all areas of the college have accessibility to our services, and are made to feel part of this community," says Wendy Johnson-Martin, manager of Aboriginal Education Access Office at the college.

The Spirit of the Two Row Wampum, a general elective course, is available to any students wishing to learn more about aboriginal culture.

The course is designed for anyone interested in First Nations culture and the basic fundamentals of its existence. The course explores the theory of native tradition and the diversities which exist between First Nations and the general society.

"This course was developed because it was based on the partnership between the aboriginal society and Niagara College," Martin says. "It realizes the differences in culture, but still teaches us that we can live together. You can live with me, and I can live with you."

This year, the Aboriginal Education Access Office launched a new Early Childhood Education Native Option program, and has plans for two new programs for next year.

"Because Niagara College has very strong values that they operate from, we recognize those values and try to develop new programs that meet the needs of aboriginal peoples and the college," Martin says.

"We are looking to the future for new innovative and creative ways to deal with the increasing and changing needs of students."

Experience gained through people

By TRACY JAY
Staff Writer

If you walk into Niagara College's After Hours pub thirsting for your favorite drink, Glenda Turner probably has it.

Turner, 22, of Dryden, Ont., is a former student of Niagara College in General Arts and Science program.

After working last year and this summer at After Hours, Turner applied for the full-time position of bar supervisor and got the job.

Turner says she enjoys the work. She bartends and supervises at night.

"The people are great. That's what I enjoy best about the work here."

Sometimes, she says, she encouters rude and obnoxious people who make her job a "little frustrating" at times.

"We use the Smart Serve policy here. When I notice someone has had a little too much, I warn them. They sometimes get quite rude at that point."

However, Turner takes it all in stride. She follows Smart Serve's criteria of a three-warning rule then, without hesitation, the patron is no longer served alcoholic beverages.

Having this job leaves little time for social endeavors. Turner works 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week, and then 5 p.m. to closing time three nights of the week.

Turner says her plans for next year do not include After Hours. "I want to open my own place someday. Watching people here has given me the experience I need."

With the new Glendale campus opening next year, Turner says, "There are opportunities out there, but I will miss this place."

Glenda Turner says she enjoys being a supervisor at After Hours pub.

Photo by Tracy Jay

HOROSCOPE

Grim Reaper may be knocking for Virgo

By RACHEL LEECH
Staff Writer

Aries (March 22 to April 19) — Trick-or-treat. This may be the season for you. Put on a mask and use it to your advantage. You may have had your eye on a special someone but your nerves have prevented any interaction. Use your disguise as a way to get to know your mystery lover.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) — It may be time to do a little spring cleaning. The timing may be off but it's better late than never. Clean out those closets and be sure to get rid of those skeletons that may still be lurking around. It's time to start anew.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) — You may feel as if someone is watching you, and you're right. Be sure to look both ways and, most important, don't forget to look behind you. Someone has an eye on you and doesn't have the best of intentions. Another Gemini plays a prominent role in the scheme of things.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) — The stars are shining brightly on you this month, but watch out. Some dark clouds are threatening to get in the way. Family responsibilities may find you roaming the streets with a few younger goblins. Watch where you're headed. You may be held responsible for any mishaps.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) — You may be a maniac at heart and this is the season to show it. A party may find you in the company of some ghastly ghouls. Act along. You can fool the best of them. You will be rewarded by the presence of a kindred spirit. Scorpio featured.

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) — The Grim Reaper may be knocking on your door. Well, maybe it's not all that bad but you may be feeling a little under the weather. Enjoy some good chicken noodle soup and get plenty of rest.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) — A disaster has struck you down but as always you are slowly getting up. Take it in stride but don't just put it behind you. It is important that you deal with it now. If not, it may come back to haunt you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) — The trick is on you this Halloween. You may think you're the biggest prankster there is, but someone is aiming to prove you wrong. Your recent jokes may not have been taken lightly. Be wary of a certain Libran. It's payback time.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) — A night of fright is just what you need. Spice up your evenings with a few horror flicks. Watch a few freaky films but don't overdo it. You may be sleeping alone and the light isn't always a reassuring friend. Be sure you know what's waiting in the shadows.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) — That may not be the wind howling in your ear. Go with your gut instinct and be cautious of who you're hanging out with. What may seem like a night of fun will end up in disaster. Keep in contact with those you know you can count on. Be sure to let them know where you're going and who you're going with.

Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) — Your instinct to act is flaring its ugly head again. Put on a costume and entertain a few easily frightened guest. You may feel an urge to tamper with the dead in order to impress your friends. Be careful you don't let it get out of control. You may not be able to control who or what you conjure up.

Wordsearch

By CRYSTAL OLDER
Staff Writer

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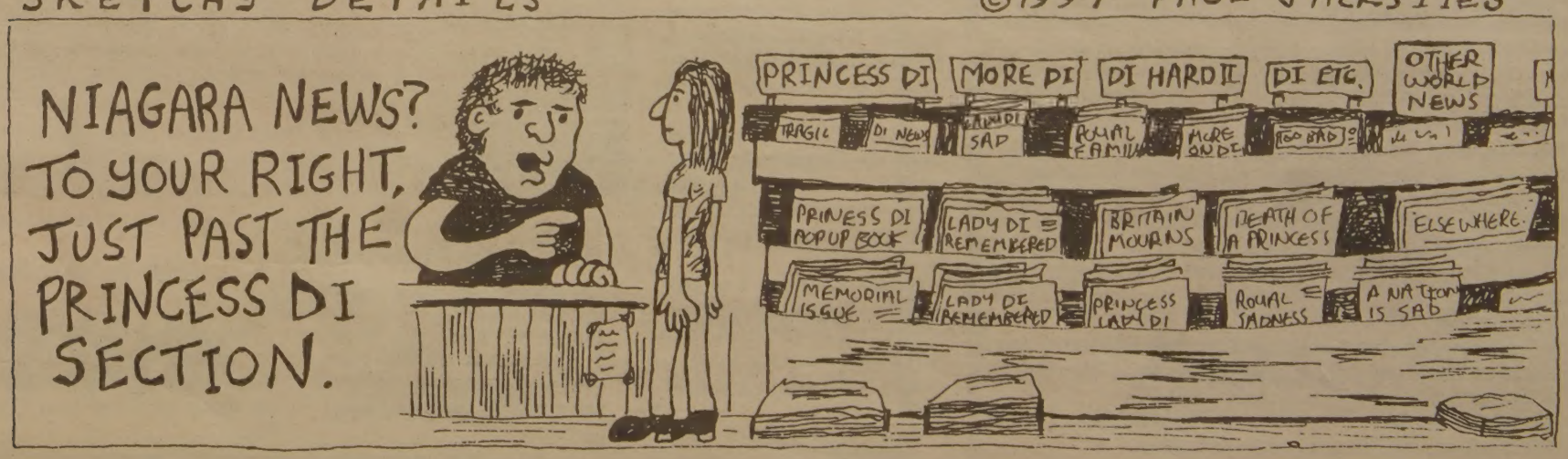

Ambitious alumnus cycle abroad

Learning happens in many settings. Some happens in the classroom. Some happens from life experiences and some happens when we travel.

For Suzette Taylor, a Niagara College teacher, the last 3 1/2 months have been an adventure.

As part of our efforts to show how we learn from the world around us, the Niagara News will be running a series of reports from Suzette on her adventures travelling the world.

This initial report is by way of introducing her to our readers and letting her former students know what she's been doing outside the MacLab where she taught desktop publishing on Macintosh computers.

I'm no journalist, of course, but I am a fairly prolific letter-writer, so this is the only style I know. Using the only role of journalism I know, which is that a story has to tell who, what, when, where, how and why, here it is.

WHO: Suzette Taylor, Continuing Education instructor of Desktop Advertising/Publishing on the Macintosh, and her husband, Evan Taylor, Niagara College alumnus, class of 1970, residents of Fonthill, avid cyclists and travellers.

WHAT: Bicycle trip through 14 countries across Europe and Asia. This is our fourth bicycle trip, and the longest, most ambitious one so far. Three previous six-month bike trips were through Western Europe, around the Pacific Rim, and through Eastern Europe.

WHEN: June 1, 1997-May 31, 1998; we're travelling with one-year, round-the-world airline tickets.

WHERE: Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Greece, India, Nepal, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Japan.

'As aging Baby Boomers, the thought has entered our minds that we can't keep up this particular mode of travel for too much longer!'
—Suzette Taylor

HOW: By bicycle, with the occasional airline flight to take care of the really big distances. (Airlines generally consider your bicycle to be one of your pieces of luggage, so there's never any problem transporting them.) Evan rides a 12-year-old Norco mountain bike with over 90,000 km on it. I ride a Jester bicycle, a hybrid bike that was custom-built for me by Jody Lee of Jester Hand Built Bicycles in Fonthill. (Jody, currently a Continuing Education instructor of a bike maintenance course, is a former Continuing Education student of mine.)

Each of us carries about 20 kg of gear, including a tent, sleeping bags, cooking equipment, clothing for a variety of climates and tools. We usually camp, but occasionally stay at a youth hostel or inexpensive hotel.

WHY: After a lot of thought, we decided to take advantage of a situation that surely won't come our way again. We're established in flexible careers, engineering and graphics, which we expect to resume upon return. We were able to rent our home to trusted friends. We're good at saving our money, and by sticking to a careful budget, we figure there's enough in the bank to cover this trip. And as aging Baby Boomers, the thought has entered our minds that we can't keep up this particular mode of travel for too much longer!

For all these reasons, we decided to "go for it." We've always felt that the places we see and people we meet, the experiences we have and insights we bring home with us, make all the effort of this kind of trip worthwhile.

Rollingly yours,
Suzette

Walt wants worthy workers

By CHER CIRILLO
Staff Writer

Whistle while you work at Walt Disney World.

Niagara College students were recently offered the chance to do just that by Walt Disney World International Programs.

Three Disney representatives came to speak to students, and interview potential employees from Niagara and Mohawk Colleges about the opportunities.

Interested applicants must be energetic, enthusiastic, flexible and interested in representing Canadian culture.

In the international programs, there is the opportunity to share and interact with guests on a one-on-one basis, learn important business philosophies and meet people from around the world.

Participants can be involved with business seminars and the Disney University Learning Centre's self-paced classroom courses.

One of the greatest benefits, spokespeople said, is the service-related work experience gained while handling the traditional responsibilities associated with jobs in the food and beverage, merchandise, attractions, guest relations or resort services.

Participants have the chance to learn Disney's business philosophies from professionals, to improve language skills or to acquire new computer skills.

Three programs available to students are as Waterpark Trainee, World Showcase Fellowship and Showcase Cultural Representative.

The first two programs range from six to 12 months. The Showcase Fellowship program runs on a 12-month cycle.

The Waterpark Trainee program is offered to individuals holding current Royal Lifesaving Society bronze medallion certification and applicable education and experience.

The Showcase Cultural Representative program allows individuals to represent their cultural experience in the pavilion of their homeland in the World Showcase at Epcot Center.

The Fellowship program brings together authentic representatives of the 11 world showcase nations for an in-depth cultural exchange involving five elements: working, learning, living, recreation and travel.

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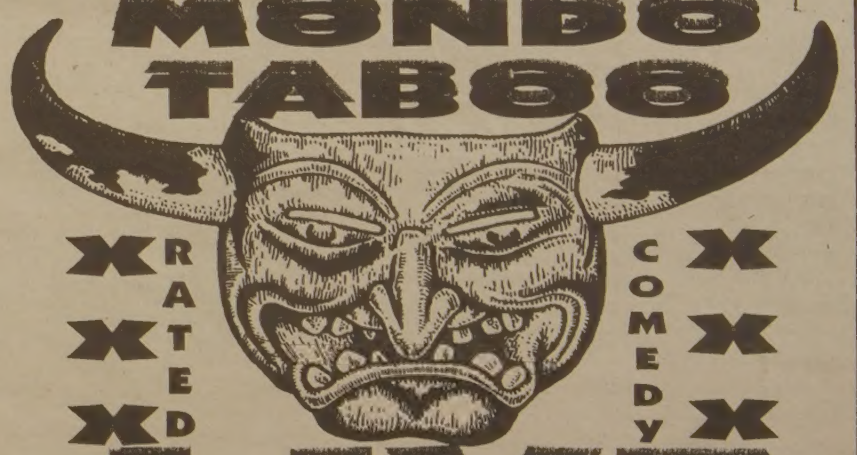

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President to visit Hungary

By PAUL BASWICK
Staff Writer

He's packaged himself for export overseas.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson will spend two weeks in Hungary to meet with educators to discuss reforms to the country's education system.

"People there are going through a tremendous change," he says.

"They are moving from a Soviet economy to a very western economy. There is a great need to establish an education and training system that ensures their workforce is well trained."

The Hungary trip is a project of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). The association has a bid for a "multi-million dollar" contract with the World Bank. If the bid is successful, Canadian colleges will be paid by the World Bank to host and train Hungarian educators in Canada.

"We will be competing against the world for this project," says Patterson.

"They wanted me to help value-add in putting this proposal forward."

"It's still very early to tell" what a World Bank agreement would mean for Niagara College specifically, Patterson says, adding the college stands to "benefit" if the deal goes through.

"The bottom line is that it would bring new revenue to the college, as well as helping in the internationalizing of our curriculum."

As a result of Patterson's work in Hungary, Niagara College will receive $6,750 from the ACCC. The association will cover the cost of two weeks of the president's salary and his travel expenses.

Patterson says his ACCC responsibilities won't prevent him from seeking independent partnerships between the college and Hungarian institutions.

"I will be meeting with a number of agencies to look for opportunities directly for Niagara (College) that go beyond the ACCC arrangement," he says.

'We will be competing against the world for this project,' - Patterson

"I've got arrangements already to meet with the head of the Budapest Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre. I'll also be looking to see if there are any opportunities for student exchanges to and from Hungary."

When he meets with Hungarian educators, Patterson says he will stress the benefits of partnership between education and private industry.

"We will be speaking to them on how we develop relationships with various companies that open their doors to our students for jobs — how they help donate equipment to us, how they help build our curriculum."

While Patterson says the focus of his trip is to "provide an insight into the workings of a strong college infrastructure," he says he expects to learn "a great deal" from his peers overseas.

"It (working abroad) provides a chance for us to share our education and training . . . but it also provides a wonderful opportunity to learn from these countries," he says.

"We always bring back some really excellent experience and knowledge about how they work."

Campus focus of forum

By PAUL BASWICK
Staff Writer

The future of Niagara College's Glendale campus was the focus of last Tuesday's President's Advisory Forum.

Held as two meetings, the first at St. Catharines' Wellandvale campus and the second at the Welland campus, the forum outlined what impact the Glendale campus will have on operations at Niagara College.

"What we want to do is discuss some of the important issues that are facing people — the facilities, the actual campuses," said Niagara College President Dan Patterson, who opened the forum.

"There was a feeling that we need to take a snapshot to give people an idea of where we're at."

Patterson began by providing an overview of the planning and fundraising involved in establishing the Glendale campus.

He said the college has raised $3.8 million of its $6-million goal towards funding the campus construction. Patterson has recently appointed Chris Blake to lead the fundraising for the additional $2.8 million.

Vice-president Administration Hans van der Slagt followed Patterson's presentation by discussing the relocation of programs resulting from the Glendale campuses' opening in September, 1998.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson uses architectural drawings to illustrate the layout of the Glendale campus at the President's Advisory Forum in Welland last Tuesday.
Photo by Paul Baswick

Van der Slagt said the college's welding program will move from the the Wellandvale campus to Welland. The Microelectronics program will move to the Voyageur building, with the Pharmacy Assistant program moving to the Simcoe Building.

He said the scheduling of the moves will be determined by "transitions teams." About 120 students and faculty will be divided among 12 of these transition teams.

About 30 people attended the St. Catharines meeting, with over 50 attending the forum in Welland.

The next President's Advisory Forum is not yet scheduled.

Moondance

A full moon creates a eerie Halloween feeling.
Photo by Ian Anderson

Dental professionals get hands-on training

By SHARON WHALING
Staff Writer

Niagara College's dental clinic is a source of education for more than just dental hygiene students.

Founded in 1994, the Sim Institute is an extension of the college. It offers courses designed for dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants.

"The mandate of the Sim Institute exists to provide continuing education for persons in dental professions," says Noreen Casson, development officer of the college's Continuing Education division.

The courses of the institute feature hands-on experience in the college's dental clinic, lab and radiography suites. Its emphasis is on using technology effectively and building a stronger sense of teamwork among people in the industry, says the Sim Institute folder.

One of the courses offered is an upgrade for certified dental assistants to be intra-oral dental assistants. The courses are four months in length, cost $2,150 and are offered at the Welland campus dental clinic. Students receive a post-certificate and attend classes part-time on Saturdays.

"The Sim Institute is a rewarding organization that allowed me to upgrade my dental knowledge," says Maria Chiovitti of the Niagara Dental Group in Niagara Falls.

The Sim Institute is named in honor of Dr. James Sim, who was a pioneer and leader in dental education. Dr. Sim spent 40 years dedicated to the practice of dentistry in the Niagara Peninsula.

Lesley Hall, 25, a second-year Dental Hygiene program student, works on her husband Dan Hall, 26, of St. Catharines. It was his third visit to Niagara College's dental clinic.
Photo by Sharon Whaling